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BRITAIN HITS BACK HARD

Seaport At Bremen Turned Into Raging Furnace

Invasion Ports Given Severe Strafing

Flashes and flares in the sky and muffled explosions from the direction of the French coast last night indicated that R.A.F. bombers had braved icy weather conditions in the Straits of Dover to again attack German invasion ports.

Many searchlights between Calais and Boulogne probed the heavy banks of low clouds.—Reuter.

Twenty Thousand Incendiary Bombs Dropped By R.A.F.

MAGNETIC MINES IN IRELAND

The fact that magnetic mines were dropped on the coast of Ireland was revealed last night by the Eirean Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Department of Defence.

The announcement says "Magnetic sea mines dropped by parachute from aircraft this morning at Glen Cormack and Endiskerry will be destroyed by Army engineers to-morrow."

It warns occupants of houses within the danger radius to take precautions against an explosion.—Reuter.

TWENTY THOUSAND INCENDIARIES AND A LOAD OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES WERE DROPPED ON BREMEN DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIERCE BOMBING RAID BY THE R.A.F., WHICH TURNED THE GREATEST SEAPORT IN GERMANY AFTER HAMBURG INTO A RAGING FURNACE.

As a long procession of aircraft of the Bomber Command reached the Zuyder Zee, on their way to follow up the first attacks, they could see a red glow in the sky over Bremen, although still 120 miles from their target.

Smoke from fires reached as high as the clouds and mingled with them, and some pilots found targets they had been detailed to attack so thoroughly ablaze that rather than waste bombs on buildings already gutted, they sought other factories and dockyards in the city.

It was an intensely cold and clear night, says an Air Ministry news bulletin, and a young moon clearly lit up the targets chief of which were the great

shipbuilding yards in which warships of all kinds, and especially submarines, are under construction;

The Deutsche vacuum oil refineries, railway communications, warehouses, rice and starch mills, and the Focke-Wolfe air frame factory.

To defend Bremen the Germans used all the ground defences they could muster and R.A.F. pilots reported formidable anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

U.S. MARINES DEMAND APOLOGY

DEMAND FOR A FULL APOLOGY BY THE JAPANESE FOR AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN PEIPING ON MONDAY, WHEN SOME UNITED STATES MARINES WERE DETAINED BY JAPANESE POLICE, IS BEING MADE BY COLONEL A. H. TURNAGE, COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE GUARDS IN PEIPING.

It is alleged that four of the Americans were beaten during their detention and two were forced to sign a confession of guilt.

SLIGHT NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Very slight enemy air action yesterday was confined to coastal districts.

An Air Ministry communique states that little damage and only minor casualties were caused by bombs which were dropped in a town in Kent.

Reports received since the morning communique, it is added, show that a small number of persons was killed when a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in a town in the West of England shortly before dawn.—Reuter.

VALONA REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

There is no official confirmation of reports that the Italian garrison at Valona is preparing to evacuate the town.—Reuter.

Col. Turnage is also demanding the punishment of the Japanese gendarmes and officers concerned in the arrests and an assurance that similar acts will not recur in future.

Falling such an assurance, he adds, the incident cannot be regarded as closed.

The trouble giving rise to the American demand occurred in a cabaret in Peiping when, it is alleged, a Japanese civilian attempted to pick a quarrel with one of a party of American guards at whom he pointed a revolver.

Japanese Disarmed

The Japanese was disarmed by American Marines and later the place was surrounded by Japanese gendarmes, who arrested the whole party of Americans and detained them.

The Commandant of Marines made repeated applications for their release, which, however, only took place 17 hours later.

The Japanese authorities then declared the incident to be closed but the Commandant disagreed, demanded a full apology and reported the incident to Washington.

Two American Marines are alleged to have been forced to sign a confession of guilt during their detention by the Japanese.—Reuter.

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO APPEAL

"THE RESPONSE TO MY APPEAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF FIRE BOMB FIGHTING PARTIES IN BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SHOWS SIGNS OF BEING SATISFACTORY," MR. HERBERT MORRISON, MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY, DECLARED IN A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Morrison added that preliminary reports from all regions indicated that without waiting for the approach of wardens and firemen, great numbers of men and women were offering their services either individually or after making up parties among themselves.—Reuter.

BENGALI VESSEL CAPSIZES

Eighteen lives were lost as the result of the sinking of a country craft in the channel between Chittagong and Sandwip Island, says a message from Bengal.

The boat, which was carrying 28 passengers, was caught in a gale and capsized in mid-stream.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the new unit provide three types of storage: a dry, all-purpose compartment for maintaining meats, such as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment for fish and seafood; and a third for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and vitamins. The new compartment is powerful enough for quick freezing of meats and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance is the new steam-heated defrosting unit. On the first door, the shelves hold food at frequently used and convenient temperatures. The second door is a second defrosting unit which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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CONTROL SURRENDERED

Meaning Of Arrival Of Nazi Air Force In Italy

SABOTAGE IN BARRACKS: SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT

Barracks occupied by the Italian garrison at the frontier town of Mostmau (on the route from Trieste to Ljubiani, Yugoslavia) have been set on fire, says a message from the Italian frontier this morning.

Four civilians have been arrested on suspicion of sabotage and the entire garrison is under strict observation. —Reuter.

ITALY ADMITS PLIGHT

Italy has now been obliged to admit her plight and has accepted Nazi help in the air. Not only has Italy withdrawn her bettered squadrons from the "Battle for Britain" but Rome Radio now says that sections of the German air force have come to Italy to help in the Mediterranean.

An official statement issued through the Italian news agency says that on the occasion of the arrival in Italy of sections of the Luftwaffe, General Piccolo, Chief of the Italian Air Staff, issued an order-of-the-day saying that the German air contingent will take part in the naval and air struggle in the Mediterranean "where the enemy is concentrating its forces."

Italy's urgent need for help is shown by her heavy losses. The Italians made only two raids on their own on Britain and both proved to be disastrous. On November 11, the R.A.F. shot down 13 Italian bombers and fighters over the mouth of the Thames, and 12 days later brought down seven Italian fighters in the Straits of Dover.

In the Mediterranean, up to December 26, 416 Italian planes had been destroyed in the air and a considerably larger quantity on the ground. During this time, the R.A.F. lost only 75 planes.

TROPHY CONFERRED

An Italian news agency message confirms that the remnants of the Italian air contingent which have been operating with the Luftwaffe against Britain had been withdrawn.

This news is contained in an announcement that General Kessling, commander of the German air force in the West, has conferred the adlerschild (eagle shield) trophy, which he himself created, on the Italian corps.

The award, according to the agency, was bestowed on the occasion of the "repatriation" of the Italian corps, to whose commander Kessling wrote thanking them for their effective collaboration in the fight. Only one group of Italian fighters

Mussolini Forced To Accept

ANNOUNCEMENT OF the presence of a contingent of the German air force in Italy means that to a greater or lesser degree Mussolini has surrendered control over his air force to Germany, in the view of well-informed air circles in London yesterday.

The news has not come altogether as a surprise. The extent of the surrender of control will be proportionate to the measure of assistance Mussolini has been forced to accept.

It is well-known that Mussolini has always been most reluctant to accept such German "support."

If it comes to attempting to explain the matter away, the Italians will probably try to suggest it is merely a quid pro quo in return for assistance given by Italy to Germany by sending some Italian planes to Belgium for attacks on Britain.

In this connection it is interesting to note that another announcement yesterday disclosed that these Italian units are now being withdrawn.

One apparent incongruity stands out in the announcement.

At the beginning it refers to "the arrival in Italy of some sections of the German air force". Later a reference is made to the forces being considered as "a big Italian unit."

Breaking It Gently

In other words, it looks as if an effort is being made to break the news gently to the Italian public and prepare them for the presence of large German air strength on Italian soil.

But whatever it may be "considered," the unit will, in fact, certainly not be under Italian control. —Reuter.

BIRCH FOR BOY LOOTERS

FOUR BOYS, TWO AGED ELEVEN, AND TWO AGED TEN, WERE EACH ORDERED THREE STROKES OF THE BIRCH BY A LONDON AREA COURT FOR LOOTING FROM A BOMBED HOUSE.

They stole a quantity of groceries from a sideboard in the house and one of the boys sold some for two-pence to Gilbert V. William Hicks, forty, bricklayer, who was charged with receiving them knowing them to have been stolen.

The case against Hicks was remanded for a week.

It was stated that the occupants of the bombed house were injured and in hospital.

The chairman, Councillor J. B. Geal, told the boys that they had been guilty of a dirty and despicable act.

INCIDENTS

A Thailand plane machine-gunned Napakasom on Christmas Day and the following day, and another Thailand plane flew over and machine-gunned Pakse. This was announced in Hanoi yesterday from headquarters of Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China. —Reuter.

ers will remain in the Channel as a link "testifying to the continuance of solidarity between Italian and German aviation." —Reuter.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN REICH

Facts regarding labour wartime conditions in Germany, revealed in London yesterday by a Ministry of Economic Warfare official, show that despite its dictatorial powers the Nazi Government has not been able to achieve 100 per cent. control of workers' movement and to use all skilled labour.

Wages are fixed and it is illegal for employers to pay more, but according to information received in London a tremendous amount of overtime is being worked.

Hours in factories vary between 10 and 12 daily and the Government has been compelled to make concessions concerning overtime pay.

Main Problem

One of Germany's main problems will be transport and distribution, and with the effects of the British blockade, there may soon be a shortage of vital products and supplies.

As a result of R.A.F. activities there has been a lot of damage to transport and distribution.

It is understood Germany has added three million to its labour forces since the war, or 10 per cent above pre-war figures.

They consist of one million foreigners, a million prisoners of war engaged on civil work and a million old workers who had retired or who were not in the usual way available.

Total number of women employed is now 300,000 more than at the beginning of the war. —Reuter.

DAD GAVE SON BLACK EYE

A father was stated at the West London Police Court to have given his thirty-seven-year-old son a black eye because he stole a bottle of milk.

"Yes, dad did it," said Thomas William Thornton, labourer, of Hilmer Street, West Kensington, pointing to his cut and discoloured eye as he stood in the dock charged with stealing a bottle of milk valued at fivepence.

The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act.



Picture taken during a tank hunting exercise in Britain by the Royal Fusiliers. In it, the tank is seen being engaged while the enemy advance scout has been attacked on his motor cycle and put out of action.

DOCTORS SEEK KEY CURE FOR 'FLU

(By A Special Correspondent)

TWO DOCTORS ARE working amid deadly germs sufficient to wipe out the population of London to perfect a vaccine to kill influenza.

They are cheered by the belief that a 'flu epidemic, which some medical men have considered to be "inevitable" this winter, may NOT occur.

But they know that millions of lives may be depending on them. There are strong hopes that their work will be rewarded with success.

Meanwhile, they are carrying on their research braving great personal danger.

Vital Discovery

They are Dr. Wilson Smith and Dr. C. H. Andrewes, "disciples" of the late Sir Patrick Laidlaw.

After many years' research, the three doctors found the source of the influenza germ in 1933.

Medical men considered their discovery to be one of the most important in medical history.

At once they began hunting for the perfect vaccine.

Three years ago they had discovered a vaccine and since then they have been testing and improving it.

Sir Patrick died in March. His colleagues carried on. Daily they experiment, clad in tarpaulin coats and rubber boots.

False Claim

Inside the laboratory are dozens of cages of ferrets.

The doctors can immunise the animals from the 'flu virus within three months.

They hoping to do the same to men, women and children.

"Doctors everywhere are watching the progress of this vitally important work," one of England's leading medical scientists told a reporter.

Recently it was claimed in America that a perfect vaccine had been found.

"That is not true. That vaccine is still in its trial stage."

"There is great controversy in the medical world over 'flu epidemics."

"This is supposed to be the 'cycle year,' but there is no more foundation for anticipating the scourge now than in other years."

"There are many things to be considered."

"The various indications of people's susceptibility is one of the most important."

"Necessity of shelter-living and the black-out make it more probable, but it is by no means inevitable."

"We have great faith in Dr. Wilson Smith and Dr. Andrewes."

RAIDS ON BARDIA

R.A.F. raids on Bardia and Derna and aerodromes at Timi and GAZALA were announced in a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday.

All bombs at Bardia burst in the target area but details of damage were not observed.

In Italian East Africa a Rhodesian squadron destroyed a number of buildings near Sabderat, while other aircraft of the same squadron made a dive attack on enemy positions at Keru, 50 miles east-north-east of Kassala, destroying motor transport vehicles, starting a very large fire and silencing several A.A. guns.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely. —Reuter.

ANTI-NAZI FRONT IN INDIA

THE FORMATION OF A NON-PARTY ORGANISATION, DEFINITELY PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-NAZI FRONT AND TO ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT, WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALL-INDIA CONFERENCE IN CALCUTTA PRESIDED OVER BY MR. ROY, FORMER PROMINENT COMMUNIST AND NOW LEADER OF THE RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The conference considered there must be a rapid development of the war resources of the country and to that end emergency ministries should be set up in the provinces.

It was decided to formulate a programme for consideration by an All-India Convention to be called at Delhi. —Reuter.

NAZIS DROP BOMBS ON SIX AREAS IN EIRE

ORDERED TO LEAVE PORTUGAL

W. Lucas, for many years London "Times" correspondent in Portugal, has been ordered to leave the country within 48 hours on account of an article written by him in an American review.

In the article Mr. Lucas alleged German influence existed in Portugal.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S FIGHT

THE BELGIAN ARMY IS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AT THE SIDE OF HER BRITISH FRIENDS AND ALLIES UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY, WHICH WILL LIBERATE BELGIUM AND KING LEOPOLD.

M. Gutt, Belgian Minister of Defence thus replies to New Year greetings sent to officers and men of the Belgian Army by Captain Margesson, the new British Secretary for War, on behalf of the Army Council.—Reuter.

Three Women Among Those Killed

MORE BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON EIRE TERRITORY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING; HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS DROPPED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT KILLED AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A NUMBER OF BRITISH PEOPLE.

One incendiary bomb picked up was identified as German. Other bombs have been collected and are being examined by experts.

A statement by the Eire Government Information Bureau reporting these bombings lists six areas in the eastern counties of Eire where bombs were dropped and recorded the death of three women, two persons seriously injured and a number injured.

"On Curragh racecourse," says the official statement, "three high explosive bombs were dropped and a large number of incendiary bombs were also dropped in this area."

"An incendiary bomb picked up near Curragh was identified as German."

The statement adds that the first bombs fell near Drogheda, five at Duleek and three at Julianstown. There were no casualties.

Dublin Damage

At 6.10 in the morning two bombs were dropped at Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin. Two

houses were demolished and several houses damaged.

Seven persons were trapped in demolished houses but were later rescued. Several were injured.

Two other bombs were dropped in Fortfield Road and the Laverna Grove area of the same district. Some houses were damaged but there were no casualties.

At Knockree, near Borris, County Carlow, bombs were also dropped. Three women were killed and two men very seriously injured.

Bombs were also dropped in Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue (County Wicklow) district. Some of these have been collected and are being examined by experts.—Reuter.

MILITARY REGIME IN RUMANIA

What amounts to a military regime has been organised by General Antonescu in Rumania during the past few days, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent states that this Army Government appears to be superseding the former "Legionary State."

The correspondent bases his information on reports from responsible persons in Bucharest.

Police, railways, posts and telegraphs, and even the National Bank, have been placed under military jurisdiction, with the secret assent of the Germans, who at General Antonescu's request have sent further troops to Rumania.

The correspondent adds that in Rumanian political circles it is considered that the present movements of German troops do not reach the high figures quoted abroad.

They simply consist of a new German division which will take several days to transport.—Reuter.

DEATH PENALTY FOR TRAITORS

Traitors or spies will earn the death penalty if caught in Australia, declared Mr. William Hughes, Attorney-General and Navy Minister, in an interview in Canberra yesterday.

Mr. Hughes added: "If any traitor believes that a term of imprisonment will follow his detection, he is very much mistaken."—Reuter.

VISIT TO A.I.F.

The Australian Army Minister, Col. Spender, and the Chief of the Australian General Staff, Lt.-Gen. Sturdee, have arrived in Palestine from Australia on a visit of inspection to the Australian Imperial Force.—Reuter.

SERIOUS INTERNAL FRICTION IN RUMANIA

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Rumanian Frontier).

THE UNHEALTHY internal situation in Rumania — in which Communists and other Left Wing elements are coming into conflict with the Iron Guard — is the main reason for drafting more German troops into the country.

Such is the gist of reliable information obtained from Germany, from neighbouring Balkan capitals and from Bucharest itself.

Germany has not sent anything like 250,000 troops into Rumania, as reported in some quarters. Allowing for replacements, the total strength of Nazi effectives is believed to be about three divisions.

Much of the coastal rail traffic passing through consists of wagons with armaments which are being sent to pay for Rumanian oil.

Berlin apparently believes three divisions are necessary to prevent sabotage of Nazi economic interests in Rumania and to smother the increasing agitation against the Nazi-supported Antonescu regime on the part of Communists and other opposition elements.

Fundamental Conflict

Underlying the whole situation is a fundamental conflict between Iron Guard and Communist ideologies.

Developing of the anti-Communist campaign of the Iron Guard has led to a Note from

the Soviet Minister demanding its cessation.

Soviet circles in the Balkans believe the new German Minister to Rumania, Baron von Killinger, is about to reorganise the Goettap's control of Rumania, using Iron Guard men as an instrument against Communists.

An inquiry among a leading Bucharest paper among its correspondents in many towns and villages has shown that the urban working classes are already under Communist influence.

Peasants Aloof

The peasants are standing aloof from the Legionary regime and are also in a highly dangerous mood.

From this it is evident that if Germany attempts to get Rumania to march by her side in any adventurous policy there will be a violent reaction from many Rumanians.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN MADRID

RADIO LYONS YESTERDAY BROADCAST A STATEMENT BY REAR-ADMIRAL LEAHY, NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, ON THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR FRANCE.

The broadcast quoted him as saying that his Government had sent the cruiser Tuscaloosa in order to bring him to Europe.

This gave a clear picture of the importance which the United States attributed to its representation in France.

The Government and people of the United States, Rear-Admiral Leahy is quoted as saying, have the greatest sympathy and admiration for France's culture and history, and hoped that France would emerge with a prestige, dignity and greatness worthy of her.

Radio said that Rear-Admiral Leahy has now reached Madrid on his way through to Vichy.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, YESTERDAY GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING GIFTS RECEIVED:

A total of £7,500 from the "Times of Ceylon Spitfire Fund," which has now contributed about £80,000.

The Maharajah of Mysore has sent £37,500 for planes. A gift of £5,000 has been received from the BBC Staff for the purchase of a Spitfire to be named "Aerial."

The Maharajah of Mysore has also sent £7,500 for the London air-raid relief fund, together with a graceful tribute to the fortitude of the victims.—Reuter.

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WOUNDED PILOT BAGS ONE MORE

A HURRICANE PILOT SHOT DOWN A HEINKEL 111 BUT WAS HIT BY AN EXPLOSIVE SHELL. SPLINTERS PIERCED HIS ARM AND SHOULDER, WOUNDING HIM SERIOUSLY. HE WAS ALSO BLINDED BY BLOOD FROM A WOUND CAUSED BY SPLINTERS FROM HIS WINDSCREEN.

He says: "I wiped the blood my face, checked over my aircraft and when I felt better, looked up and saw three Heinkels passing overhead. I turned and attacked one which was lagging behind. Smoke poured from it, its undercarriage dropped and it dived steeply away."

At this moment the Hurricane was hit from behind by an enemy fighter and the pilot was forced to bale out. He landed safely and the Heinkel which he had attacked crashed near him.

The twenty-five-year-old curate of Holy Trinity Church, South Shields, the Rev. John L. Keeling, walks among the shelterers strumming a ukulele, his fine tenor voice leading the songs.

He told a reporter "I taught myself to play the uke during a childhood attack of mumps. I often take the instrument with me when I am visiting and engaged on social work."

My home is at Eastbourne, and I was appointed to my first curacy in South Shields a fortnight after war was declared.

"I became an air raid warden, but I soon decided that the best work I could do was to keep people cheerful during air raids. So now, when the Alert sounds, I take my uke to the air raid shelter and soon have the people singing."

Plantation songs like "Swanee River" and "Poor Old Joe" are the most popular, but I find that the modern tunes also go well.

"The louder the guns, the louder the people sing. I don't pretend to be able to rival George Formby, although I play a number his songs."

Mr. Keeling's shelter is the envy of South Shields. Sly efforts have been made to tempt him to play in others, but he remains faithful to his own.

"He has a lovely tenor voice and we all enjoy our air-raid sing-songs," said a woman member of Mr. Keeling's "choir."

SPECIAL SHOW TO "CLEAR" PIANIST

The B.B.C. will shortly broadcast a special programme to disprove one of the most sensational rumours of the war—that a famous band leader has been gaoled for signalling to the Germans during his radio turns.

Reports from all over the country have reached the "Sunday Chronicle," and other newspapers, alleging that Charlie Kunz, ace pianist, is serving 20 years in the Tower as a spy.

This entirely false rumour has been enlarged until gossips say Mr. Kunz is a German and had arranged items in his B.B.C. broadcasts so it formed a code decipherable by the enemy.

'I'm an American'

To scotch these lies the B.B.C. plans that Charlie Kunz shall broadcast from their studios and that the announcer shall make special reference to each of the items included.

In a statement to the "Sunday Chronicle," Mr. Kunz shows each point in this rumour to be sheer falsehood. He says:

"I am not of enemy origin. I am an American citizen and have lived in this country for the past 20 years.

"Like all other Americans, and friendly aliens, I have to register my address with the police and keep curfew hours.

"I have never been arrested, nor even-questioned by the police other than the normal interrogations such as every American citizen gladly agrees to.

"Clap Hands"

"The reason I did not appear, as announced, at the Shepherd's Bush Empire is that the theatre closed.

"Last week I was on the stage of the Glasgow Empire every night.

"This rumour spread because a record of 'Clap Hands,' the signature tune I invented years ago, and have used in all my B.B.C. broadcasts, was played in an English programme from a German radio station."

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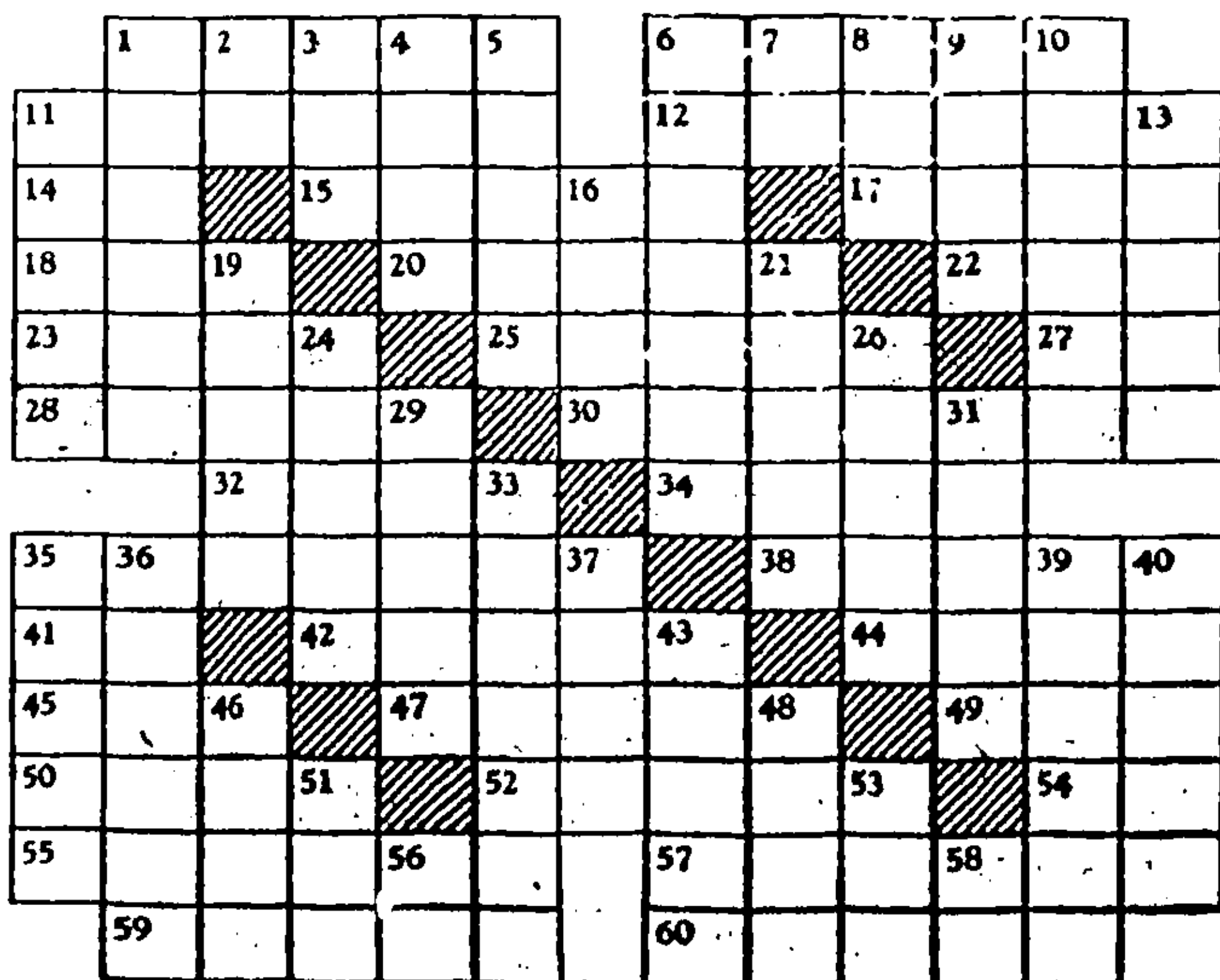
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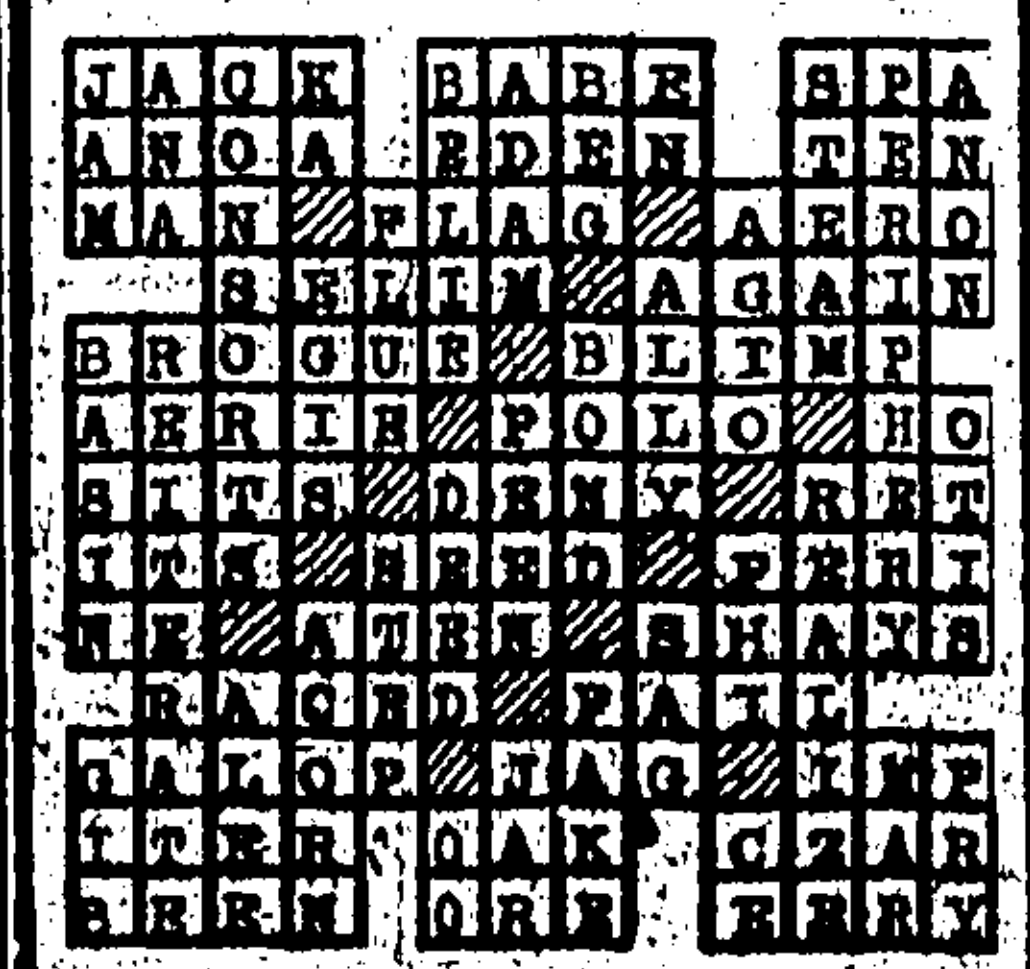
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FREED---HE SEEKS FREE FRENCH HIS 3 CHILDREN MOVEMENT IN H.K.

(By A Special Correspondent)

GINGER TAYLOR, the man who was cheered by Parkhurst Prison convicts when he was released after serving twelve years as a reprieved murderer, told me that he now had three aims: To trace his three children and give them a home — his wife died when he was in prison; to prove his innocence; to serve his country.

Percival Leonard Taylor, now thirty-six, was one of three men convicted of the murder of a Brighton chemist in 1928, and was reprieved at the last minute, his sentence being commuted to penal servitude for life. He and the other men swore they were innocent.

His release came after serving twelve years. And in that time he had become the most popular man in the prison. He captained one of the football teams and played for the chess team. He was a model prisoner, and won every possible remission mark.

And three years ago he knocked a further year off his sentence by an act of bravery.

He stopped a runaway horse outside the prison gates and saved the lives of three children who were playing nearby. He was badly injured.

On the eve of his release a football match was arranged in his honour. As he left the prison hall for the last time, prisoners and staff raised three cheers of good luck for the man they all called Ginger. But in those twelve years his wife died. And his three children — only one of whom, a boy now aged seventeen, knew his father was a convict — were cared for by a charitable institution.

"I Want To Help"

Said Taylor: "Often, in prison, I wanted to write to my children. But I couldn't bring myself to do it."

"Now I must trace them. And when I have found them I intend to set up a home and let them enjoy some of the comforts they have missed during the years I have been in prison."

Then he said: "Every one of those years seemed like five. Sometimes I thought I would lose my reason."

"Only the thought that I was innocent and that one day I would prove it to the world, kept me sane. And now I will do all I can to prove it."

"I bear no resentment to anybody, although I'm certain the shock of the charge killed my wife."

"I have learned carpentry in prison and I want to help in my country's war effort."

Taylor went back to Brighton. His mother, Mrs. John Morey, she has been married twice — wept with joy when she met him on the station platform.

"Seems So Long"

She told me: "I cannot believe that he has returned to me. It seems so long since that day when I went to prison to bid him goodbye."

"It was the day before he was to be hanged and I shall never forget it. My boy was calm and brave. He told me even then that he felt that one day he would be able to prove his innocence. The reprieve came at the last minute."

Taylor saw for the first time his two step-sisters and a step-brother. Said step-brother John, aged nine: "I am going to help him prove his innocence. He seems a straight guy to me."

Mr. Harry Cowley, a Brighton chimney sweep, also met Taylor. Mr. Cowley organised a petition to the Home Secretary and spent his savings searching for evidence to prove the innocence of the three convicted men.

"I did not know the men before their trial, but I was in court when they were convicted. I was convinced on the evidence that they were all innocent," Mr. Cowley said.

GERMAN HANGED FOR THEFT

A man was executed in Berlin for snatching a handbag from a woman during the black-out, says the Berlin wireless.

100 N.O. SCORE BY SQUADRON

Like a cricket score reads the record, officially revealed, of a British fighter squadron which in one day shot down thirteen Nazi planes and damaged seven others, and has now bagged its 100th enemy aircraft.

News of the 100th victim — a Junkers 88 bomber — was brought back to this Yorkshire Auxiliary Air Force Squadron by two Spitfire pilots, who, sighting the bomber over the South Coast, attacked and sent it plunging earthward. The squadron has fought with distinction in all the important phases of the air war.

Twenty In A Day

Over the beaches of Dunkirk nine of the squadron's Spitfires shot down in one day four German bombers and two Messerschmidt 109 fighters.

Later they helped to foil the German attempt to gain control

The Committee "France Libre" gave a dinner at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday to 27 Volunteers, most of them from the s/s d'Artagnan, from Shanghai.

All the volunteers are seamen and they will stay in Hong Kong for a few days awaiting further orders, says a statement issued to the Press.

The arrival of these Volunteers is a clear indication of the growing movement in favour of General de Gaulle.

Since Marshal Petain has dismissed Laval and refused to go beyond the Armistice terms, a great number of Frenchmen who were undecided are now rallying to the Cross of Lorraine, realising that the De Gaulle movement is only directed to the salvation of France, and that it is only with the victory of Great Britain that the freedom of their beloved Country can be assured.

The Committee France Libre of Hong Kong take the opportunity of reaffirming its faith in the final victory of the Allies, thank heartily the Free French Fighting Forces for their courage and spirit of sacrifice under their valiant Commanders, General Catroux, Admiral Muselier, General de Larminat and Gen. Legentilhomme, and extend to all Free Frenchmen good wishes for a New Year of great Hope and Victory.

Vive La Grande Bretagne
Vive La France.
Vive De Gaulle,
L. BIAU, President,
Committee "France Libre."

of the Channel — flying protective patrols over convoys and helping to fling back Goering's mass attacks.

One of their most successful days was in August when, within the space of a few minutes, near Portland, they shot down nine Junkers 87 dive bombers and four Messerschmidt 109s as well as damaging another seven of the enemy. This big victory was achieved without loss to themselves.

In the following two days they added eight more to the bag.

During the first big raid on London the squadron was in the thick of the dog fighting. The pilots shot down two Messerschmidt 110's, a Dornier 17 and a Messerschmidt 109 — again without loss to themselves.

PLANS FOR H.K. SANATORIUM

PROPOSALS FOR THE establishment of a sanatorium for tuberculosis victims by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association were discussed at some length at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association held last week.

The scheme has already been approved in principle, and the suitability of three buildings offered to the Association was discussed. It was decided finally to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Miss Ruby Mow Fung (Convener), the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Dr. T. P. Wu and Dr. N. C. Macleod, to inspect a house in Shouson Hill, available for renting at \$150 a month or for purchase at \$30,000.

The sub-committee was instructed to draw up a detailed report for submission to the Finance and Scientific Sub-Committee and it was agreed that if the house were considered suitable it should be leased in the first instance with option to purchase in twelve months.

There followed discussion on the Association's financial policy — "to be or not to be" — in debt being the question, and the Committee generally favoured a bold policy. The issue was referred to the Finance Sub-Committee with a request for its opinion and advice.

Free Medicines

Reports from the Scientific, Sociological and Publicity Sub-Committees were submitted, containing various recommendations.

After a statement by the President, it was decided that the Sociological Sub-Committee's suggestion that free medicines should be provided by Government could not be supported. It was also felt that a further proposal that four nurses should be employed by the Association for following up cases could not be approved, because the financial position did not justify such expenditure and (b) because patients whose names

and addresses are submitted to the D.D.H.S. can, in most cases, be seen by Government Health Visitors.

In connection with the survey of living conditions in the Colony now being carried out by the Sociological Sub-Committee, the President agreed to seek the cooperation of the Chinese hospitals and to approach the Auxiliary Nursing Service with a view to securing the services of auxiliary nurses to assist in filling up forms at clinics.

A suggestion by the Publicity Sub-Committee that street lecturers be employed, was discussed and it was agreed to appoint one for an experimental period of four months.

The Chairman revealed that the H. K. Chinese Relief Association (through its Chairman, Mr. Ho Kom-tong) has given a donation of \$500 to the funds of the A. T. A.

Those present included the Hon. Mr. M. K. Le (Chairman), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. B. Wylie, W. Wilson Lee, Ho Kom-tong, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Rev. J. R. Higgins, Hon. Dr. L. Shu-ten, Dr. T. P. Wu, Miss Ruby Mow Fung and Dr. N. C. Macleod.

CHINA MAIL
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AIR MAILS

One of the apparently minor items in the news yesterday, announcement that three commercial air-liners of the Clipper type are to be purchased for the purpose of maintaining Empire communications, will attract keen interest in Hong Kong. No indication was provided of the routes on which the Clippers might be used, but as the most serious rupture of communications has occurred between the British Isles and points East of Suez, (India, Australia and Hong Kong included), it is a fair assumption that it is the problem of restoration that has been engaging Imperial attention.

No consequence of Italy's entry into the war has been felt more severely in the East than virtual destruction of the air mail services. The value of such elements of the original system that have been retained is next to nil, for it happens, more often than not, that mails routed via America or Canada by surface craft reach Hong Kong in advance of the air mail.

It is recognised that the drastic curtailment of the air mail services and the loss of the speed asset was, to some extent, inevitable, however irksome it may, at the same time, have been. In the first instance, at all events. Now, however, the outlook for the future can be seen in clearer detail, the re-establishment of swift, reliable communications between Britain and the East must appear as a matter of increasing urgency.

One of the lessons for the future is that British control and British capital must alone be responsible for maintaining Imperial air communications. A long period of reconstruction and overhaul will inevitably follow on this war. It has been urged that the opportunity should then be seized to make every alteration necessary to bring Empire air lines to as high a state of efficiency, utility and security as possible. In the air, whether in the sphere of civil or military activity, Britain has to make considerable leeway. Something can even now be done to redress the balance.

THERE was not much pattern to my days in London. The difficulty of making and changing arrangements by telephone and the fact that from the second day till the day before I left I was waiting on my appointment with the Prime Minister—its time and place was not set until an hour before I saw him—meant that I could make no commitments in advance. Each day I simply made and kept as many engagements as I was able. Ben Robertson, who slept with me the first night, simply stayed on.

I have had difficulty since I got back making people really understand how entirely casually people take sleeping anywhere they happen to be when the black-out comes in London. Possibly it's because the phrase sleeping with someone has connotations in our vocabulary. Possibly it's because the idea of not having a room of one's own to sleep in every night is so foreign to everyone's experience here.

I asked everyone I met in and out of the Government how many Londoners slept in shelters and how many slept in their homes. No one had any idea. There are no statistics whatever available. Estimates of the number who slept in shelters, public and private, varied from 50 per cent to 95 per cent. The only thing you can be sure of is that very few sleep normally, night after night, in their own beds in their own rooms.

Even leaving out the fear of being out during heavy raiding you must also realise the difficulty of moving about a complicated city like London during a black-out. There are taxis that cruise all night, but they are few. Few also are the buses and the trains and the tubes. It was, for instance, altogether natural that when I had a radio talk to dictate during my second week and a young lady public stenographer came to type it for me and the work went on without either of us noticing the time until suddenly the maid came in and drew the curtains for the black-out. Ben and I should offer her our couch to sleep on. And she should debate for some minutes before deciding her room-mate might be worried and she didn't mind taking the bus anyway.

You must realise what it does to convention to take in first relatives, then acquaintances and finally strangers who were bombed out. And you must also realise—perhaps the most important thing of all—that when the night is full of noise no one wants to be alone. The presence of other human beings is comforting.

I think the only time I was really all out frightened—literally panicked—was when I came in alone one late afternoon and Ben, who was to join me, did not show up for several hours. It was the night a new and still larger gun moved into the park opposite. I was told it was a six-inch navy gun. It began to go off right after the first alarm. I went to watch from my bathroom-darkroom. There was a storm over London and the wind howled through the open window. Shells from the gun burst directly overhead, so that I ducked each time, sure the shrapnel would fall where I was. If it did, I heard none of it. But the crash of the gun was first deafening and then suddenly terrifying. I bolted the window and went in and tried to read the evening paper. The gun kept crashing and crashing and crashing. All of a sudden it came—a terrific desire to get to some other place in a hurry. I went out and rang for the elevator. It was about 8:30.

As I got in a very elegant old dame came down the corridor and got in with me. The gun went off. She said, "What was that?" A freckled elevator man said, "That was me, ma'am." She said, "Well, I wish to heaven you'd told me it was you. You've been scaring the life out of me." When I got down to the lobby people were standing around talking and going into dinner quite normally. I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to go down into the boiler room, get into a corner and curl up where I couldn't hear that damn gun. I thought if I did, when Ben came in he would be ashamed of me. I said nuts to myself. The gun went off a couple of times more and shook the revolving door. It made the sign reading AIR RAID WARNING flap. I said to myself, "Look here. You've decided that if you're going to be hit you're going to be hit. If you play it any other way you're sure to lose. Like changing your stake, gambling." I said to myself, "You may be scared, but you know very well that the odds of a bomb hitting you are approximately seven or eight million to one." I went

back upstairs and felt much better.

The point about being afraid during a bombardment in which you know the chances of being killed are minute is this: that after you've been frightened a few times you know that being frightened is just an unreasonable temporary emotion, that it will pass and that in a little while you will feel all right again. Like getting unreasonably mad at a telephone girl giving you the wrong number. The time when I was alone, with the gun noise in the Dorchester was the only time I felt panic, but four or five times in any given night, even though they were re-

—By—
Ralph Ingersoll

latively quiet, I was scared and each time after a while the fear would pass and I'd feel all right again. Because I was always with people who if they were scared didn't show it and we went about what we decided was our business and everything was all right and the fear passed.

It's "Behaving Well"

I think it's this quality of keeping their fears to themselves while they are afraid—they talk about it plenty afterwards—that's the most important part of what the English call "behaving well." They have it whether they are cockneys in the East End or cabinet ministers. They do not transmit their fears to one another the way some other peoples do. And when people transmit their fears to each other the result is panic and anything can happen in a panic. When they don't transmit their fear they go on about their business and presently aren't afraid any more.

I talked this over with a number of people in London and they agreed with me.

The fear that I'm talking about is the unreasonable fear produced by noise and the imagination. How a soldier who is under fire and is liable to be killed in action feels I know only from books. But I was and am interested in the other kind of fear, because that is the principal tool with which Adolf Hitler has conquered so much of the world. It's the Britisher's ability to cope with it and to survive it and to learn that it's a headache and not a fatal disease that's an important part of my confidence that the British will withstand and survive Adolf Hitler, and there's absolutely no question that they survived the terrific dose he gave them in September and are flourishing under the dilute solution which seems all he is currently able to administer now.

The two weeks that I was in London were what are called quiet weeks. They are quiet because Hitler has no control over the air of England in the daylight and because night bombers work best in the full of the moon when they can steer and guide their bombs by the reflection of the moon on the water and the rivers and lakes of England. The moon was on the wane when I arrived.

I know what it can be like when the moon is full, because the three days just before I got to London included the worst night bombing of the war so far. So I saw London right after its three worst nights and the people I talked to had just been through these nights.

From the point of view of personal experience I have identified this distinction: that the difference between a quiet night and a rough night in London is simply that on a rough night if you move about the city streets you will have at least one narrow escape per night; that is, at least one bomb will whistle down and explode within a half a block or a block of you sometime or other. Whereas, going about on "quiet nights," while there is the same raiding, the guns and the lights and the "planes," the bombs they drop are so scattered that in fourteen nights I had only two small bombs drop within a block of me, one in the park outside my window—after learning to sleep through the naval gun, its whistle woke me wide awake just before it hit—and the other on a road along which we were driving back to town from a night flying field. There were four of us in a closed Woolsey car. The gears on the Woolsey were noisy and we had heard no

warning, but a red light flashed in front of us and an air raid warden stuck his head in as we stopped. He said, "There's a crater just ahead. It's just happened. We haven't found it yet. Better be careful." We said we would and drove on.

Hysterics In The Dark

At the end of a block we all at once saw two small lights flush with the pavement. The next minute we began to run over rubble. One of us said, "It's right here. You can always tell when you begin running over rubble." Another few feet and we saw what the lights on the street were. They were the still burning sidelights of a car that had just run into the crater. A woman came toward us out of the black and said, "Where are you going?"

The driver said, "To London." She said, "No, no, no, I mean what part of London?" The driver said, "The West End."

Her voice was rising. It sounded hysterical. She said, "No, no, no, that won't do at all. That's not at all where I want to go," and ran off behind us. We think she had been in the car.

We swung off to one side to avoid it and the pencil beam of our headlight picked out a figure lying on the edge of the curb. We got out and went over to it. It was a dead policeman. A red-headed policeman. He had been young and good looking. There was no one else around. It was very quiet. You could hear water bubbling under the car. The bomb had broken a main. We had flashlights and stood looking down at the policeman, not quite knowing what to do next. Presently there were footsteps coming rapidly toward us. Two air raid wardens. They made no comment. First one and then several policemen came from another street. They looked at the dead policeman, but did not move him. We shifted uneasily and walked back to look in the crater. The bomb must have hit just ahead of the car and the car rolled in where the pavement had been. For it was hardly scratched. While we were looking an ambulance or a truck rolled up behind us, some men got out, went over to where the warden was standing over the casualty. They lifted the dead policeman onto the stretcher, carried him back into the darkness. And no one said anything. The ambulance or the morgue wagon or whatever it was went off into the dark. The wardens and the policemen were in conference over how to get the car out of the crater. Down the street we could see another warden bringing a red lantern to mark it.

There had been some joking in the car about my not having had a close one in ten days in London. One of the men said, "Well, if it had to happen, I'm glad it happened where you could see it. This is just routine. I think there must be a bicycle about. I think the policeman was going home on it when the bomb hit." It was no longer a joke that I have the experience of having a bomb go off near me. The face of the dead policeman with the red hair stayed with me. That and the suddenness with which it happened and the silence that was around it after it happened. I began to feel anger rising in me. I stayed acutely angry at the people who had killed the policeman for several hours. Then, like being afraid, the acute part passed.

I had picked up a piece of the shell. I found it with my flashlight imbedded in the pavement and wedged it out. I brought it home with me.

Anderson Shelter

We laughed when we came to a place in the East End where a land mine had gone off. Because the little man we had found outside his Anderson shelter had been so perfect we swore he had been planted there by the Ministry of Information. We should have had the dialogue on a sound track to use with the film, "London Can Take It."

He was a tough little cockney and he drove a switching engine along the Liverpool docks. His little house and garden were on the edge of the area the land mine had devastated—beginning half a block away houses by the hundreds were uninhabitable. Directly across the street from him a bomb of 350 pounds—maybe 500 pounds—had blown a hole in a garden and wrecked the house behind it.

He said there were two things he didn't like about this war and the way he was treated in it. He said the anti-aircraft guns made him mad because they couldn't hit anything. He said he'd watched them and watched them. He wanted to see a German plane hit and never 'ad, even though he worked out on the docks all day. And as to his own treatment, he told us he damn well wanted a tin hat. He said a bloke could do without a leg or an arm or this piece or that piece of 'im, but he couldn't do without 'is knob. He said he didn't see why the government couldn't give 'im and the other fellows that worked out on the docks steel helmets. Neither could Hilde nor I.

Like almost everyone, he put in his Anderson shelter himself. An Anderson shelter is made of heavy galvanised cast iron, the kind you sometimes see on warehouse roofs. It is about 4 by 8 feet square and 5 feet high, the top being arched to a circle. It is set up half submerged into the ground and then sandbags are piled around and over the top of it. Many people plant gardens on its roofs, flower gardens. It has other sandbags piled around its entrance. I climbed down into the little man's shelter. I could just get in. It had a concrete floor. He said cement was hard to get but he had a friend who could mix it and all the people in the neighbourhood got what cement they could and he and his friend went around and fixed up as many floors as they could. His shelter was quite dry. There were candles stuck on a little shelf and some odds and ends of clothing hung up. He said he had taken the bedding out to air it.

He told us he had sent his wife and his son and daughter to the country, but his daughter, who was the older, had come back and was staying with some people down the street. And another married daughter was around the corner with her husband. He said, "Ain't no place for women, but they don't like to be away from home and they come back." He said his was a good shelter and he slept very well there. But a lot of them were bad unless you had a good floor and knew how to fix it so the rain didn't come in.

Ben Robertson asked him if he was in the shelter when the bomb dropped across the street. He said, "Oh, yes. It shook quite a bit. But," he said, "I'm not afraid because I have it fixed so I can get out the back end if the front end caves in." I said, "What do you do when a bomb drops near you? Do you go out to see what happens?" He said, "Well, you see, we have got a kind of a system. When there's a hit everybody around comes out and we get together and go from one shelter to another to see if everybody else is all right, and to be sure the entrance hasn't caved in and they can't get out."

"Then after we have checked up on everybody's being all right we go back into our 'oles." (Another time, talking about a friend, he used the sentence, "And every evening about 5 'e goes 'ome to his ruins.")

Hilde said it was typical of London people, working out ways to look after each other like that. Ways that had nothing to do with government rules or regulations or even volunteer ARP wardens. Just people looking out for each other.

He showed us almost with pride where the land mine had hit. It had touched no building, coming down in a yard near a factory. There had been several automobiles there and they were squashed in as if Gibraltar had fallen on them. Characteristically, the crater wasn't deep. But for blocks and blocks around there were little frame houses, battered and windowless. It was very depressing to walk down the empty, uninhabited streets.

The little man who lived in the Anderson shelter halted suddenly and grunted with disgust. "There, see," he said pointing to the sky. "Why can't they 'it 'im?" We all stopped. It was a lone daylight raider. The plane could not be seen but its exhaust, crystallised in the cold upper air, wagged after it like a pollywog's tail as the pilot twisted and turned. Half the anti-aircraft guns in town seemed to be after him. Puffs of white smoke broke above and below him.

"There! There! Now why can't they 'it 'im?" the little man kept saying over and over again, getting more and more excited. I found I felt exactly the same way. The German kept twisting and turning. He was going home towards the south and when last seen puffs were still pursuing him.

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M.P.'s CHARTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A FOUR-POINT charter of women's rights has been put forward by Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., who had criticised Mr. Ernest Bevin, Labour Minister, for not having given women work they had been promised. "Women have been used as cheap machines too often," said Dr. Summerskill, and then she produced these four points:—

1. Women should have not only the right to work, but the right to work whether married or single.
2. They should receive the rate of pay for the job, and there should be no discrimination because of sex.
3. Promotion of women according to ability.
4. Opportunity for training for all work for which women are capable.

Dr. Summerskill was speaking at the first public meeting of the Woman-Power Committee, in London.

Viscountess Astor, M.P., said: "I want a woman in the Government to tell the Government where the women are wanted and what they can do."

"Mr. Bevin will dodge this problem as long as he can."

"The Services are much ahead of the Government in their employment of women. The women of the House of Commons must bring more pressure on the Government. If necessary, we must go to the Prime Minister."

"What makes my blood boil is the subconscious Hitlerism in the hearts of some men, which keeps women of ability down."

Insulted With O.B.E.

"They are prejudiced against able women, though they don't seem to mind the stupid and give them the jobs. Women don't want sham work — they want real work."

Lady Astor referred to the bravery of Miss Peggy Prince who went out sea in her canoe to save an airman, and added, "They ought to have given her the V. C., instead they insulted her by giving her the O.B.E."

Miss Irene Ward, M.P., acting chairman of the committee, said "Mr. Bevin gave us the right to form the Woman-Power Committee, but we have no power and terms of reference."

"One of my major grievances is the perpetual handing of the baby from one Government department to another."

"We had got to make the war effort so tremendous that it should absorb every employable person."

"One problem was to see that voluntary workers did not encroach on those had to earn their own living."

Workers, Not 'Ladies'

"We must be in on the ground floor," she added, "and we are not going to accept responsibility unless we are permitted to have a say in the creation of the policy which is so vital to both man-power and woman-power."

"We have reached unanimous recommendations and put them before Mr. Bevin with very little results."

Miss Caroline Haslett, president of the Women's Engineering Society, said she had been amazed to find how unaware Government officials were of the ability of women to do a real job of work.

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Remission of fines imposed on two men at Caerphilly in June for making statements likely to mislead in connection with public safety has been recommended by the Home Secretary.

It was alleged that the men, Percival Henry Fellows and Percy Jones, had been reported to the police by a schoolboy for remarks he said they made when the Belgian Army capitulated.

The men were each fined £2. Their defence was that the remarks were made in a jocular manner, and they treated the matter as a 'leg pull'.

GERMAN FAMILIES SCARED TO FRANCE

German refugees from the much-bombed Rhineland are beginning to crowd the hotels even in non-occupied France.

This information was given by a Frenchman who has just arrived in London from the non-occupied zone after trekking across the Pyrenees on a donkey. He sold his motorcar for just enough to buy a donkey and pay his fare to England from Lisbon.

"You have no idea here of how effective the R.A.F. bombings on Germany are," he said. "We get the backwash of them, even in unoccupied France."

"Friends of mine in the Department of Isere have had to leave their homes because of the influx of German refugees from the Rhineland. They, of course, get paid, but at 20 francs to the mark."

"The Germans are crowding into all the hotels in this region and paying at the same rate. In the last few weeks the influx has been tremendous."

Regarding R.A.F. bombings of the French coast, he said the Germans now describe Cherbourg as the "cemetery." He said that most people in the unoccupied zone knew of the big losses the Germans sustained when their pinances and barges, filled with troops, were bombed.

It was common knowledge that all the doctors in the Paris region had to be mobilised to deal with the casualties.

ART EXHIBITION

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Association for Calligraphy, Art & Literature, an Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy and Drawing at the Kam Ling Restaurant, was opened by Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on New Year's Day. The exhibition will remain open between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. till January 5.

WHISKY— WITH A HORSE

He was called by a friend to give whisky to a sick horse—that was the story of a motorist accused at North London of driving whilst under the influence of drink.

He said that he had to taste the whisky to see if it were too strong, and he held the horse's head while his friend poured the dose down the animal's neck.

Some of it was spilt over his clothes.

They gave the whisky three times and he had a slip.

"Each time the horse had a whisky you had a whisky!" said Mr. Basil Watson, the magistrate. "You and your pal, the horse, were having a drink."

"You had a drink to drink your own health, you drank the horse's health, and he drank yours."

Dismissing the charge, Mr. Watson ordered the driver, Albert Goodman, fifty, a garage proprietor, of Belvedere Road, Leyton, London, E., to pay a fine of £10 and £2 17s. costs for dangerous driving.

FRENCH RESISTANCE TO INVADER IS GROWING

THERE IS BEING gradually built up in the United States -- by letters, by stories of refugees, by articles of returning American newspapermen -- a true picture of France under the German heel.

It is a tragic and terrible picture, but it is redeemed by evidence of resistance to Nazi regimentation which is being continuously and bravely put up by what P. J. Philip, former Paris correspondent of the "New York Times," calls "the most individualistic people in the world."

Some of the incidents lately reported from inside France are trivial in themselves but significant as part of the trend.

For example, the United Press has just reported from Vichy that the German authorities are now threatening to close every cinema in Paris if French audiences do not stop applauding scenes in German newsreels showing the damage inflicted in British air raids over Germany.

The Nazi radio has said that such demonstrations are a "considered act of hostility" and all cinemas would be closed if a single burst of applause occurred in the future.

Posters Torn Down

Elsewhere it is reported how workmen in the industrial suburbs of Paris tear down Nazi posters each night and how even the French police take a pride in helping their own people and foreigners to outwit the Gestapo.

One of the most important revelations of the spirit still surviving in unoccupied France is the publication of extracts from two of several petitions recently sent to the Vichy Government by

French patriots who have dared to sign their names and addresses. One urges Petain and his Ministers not to go on issuing declarations of goodwill towards the German conquerors, but to let the world know of each new outrage inflicted upon France. It is horrifying, says this petition, to see the controlled Press insulting England, and it asks: "Would not public opinion condemn a husband who after 40 years of married life would heap filth on the radio over his former wife to explain their divorce?"

Three Parties

The "New York Herald Tribune" has been receiving letters sent by messenger to Tours from occupied France. Most recent of these letters says there are now three parties in France -- realists, sentimentalists and militarists.

The realists are accepting Nazi domination, the sentimentalists are passionately but hopelessly longing for a British victory.

The militarists are General de Gaulle's men. "Within their cause they feel lies the only term of practical aid to the country."

V.C. SCARED BY SPEECH

(By A Special Correspondent)

"IT WAS AWFUL — dunno how I got through it," Flight-Lieutenant Roderick Alastair Brook Learoyd, V.C., hero of the Dortmund-Ems Canal raids, told me.

But it was not his epic flight through a tornado of bursting shells over miles of enemy territory to which he was referring. It was to an ordeal through which he had just passed — he had had to face an audience and make a speech.

Crowding the little centuries-old council chamber at New Romney, Kent, were fishermen and townspeople among whom Roderick Learoyd spent his boyhood.

The walls told of the deeds of other Romney heroes, and an age-worn crested flag speaks of the Romney whence ships sailed before the Norman Conquest.

Palet, Fidgeted

But in all its history Romney had never had a hero like this broad-shouldered, 6ft. lin. airman with the crimson ribbon on his tunic.

Certainly not one more modest than twenty-seven-year-old Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd. He had come to receive from the Mayor the honorary freedom of the borough in recognition of his valour.

But he looked like a man in a dentist's waiting room.

The Mayor spoke of his bravery in the face of the enemy. The fair-headed giant in R.A.F. blue at his side paled, fidgeted, then in relief nodded to an old school chum in the audience.

Desperate - - -

"It is the most honourable distinction it is in our power to confer upon you," said the Mayor as he handed the airman an illuminated vellum scroll.

Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, V.C., rose, looked desperately at the sea of faces before him, shuffled his feet... then went to it. He thanked them for the honour. He would treasure the scroll all his life.

"I am afraid I am not very good at making speeches, so once again thank you all very much," he concluded—and sat down.

Kentish Fire

The audience rose and cheered, gave him three rounds of hand-clapping known as Kentish fire. The ceremony was over. And not the least glad was Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, V.C.

In the audience were his father and mother, Major and Mrs. R. B. Learoyd, and his sister, Lesley Brook an actress.

He is spending a week's leave at his home, Frogs' Hall, New Romney, while awaiting a new appointment. He had flown there.

CRIME IN SHELTER

A seventeen-year-old milkman was on his round at Gravelhill, Bexleyheath, Kent, when two youths asked him if he would like some cigarettes.

The milkman, Cyril John Parker, accepted and the youths asked him to go down an air raid shelter. As he sat down he was hit on the jaw and head.

Recovering, he found that his legs were tied with handkerchiefs and ties and that he had a gag in his mouth. His wallet containing £21 12s. 2½d. was missing.

The story was told at Dartford, Ken, by Detective-Sergeant Duff when William George Edwards, twenty, of Swanbridge Road, Bexleyheath, and George Arthur Chapman, nineteen, of Victoria Street, Upper Belvedere, Kent, were each sentenced to one month's hard labour for the theft of the wallet.

Detective-Sergeant Duff said they had been sleeping in air raid shelters for the past month. Chapman was also sentenced to one month's hard labour to run consecutively for stealing a cycle from a Bexleyheath car park.

The staff of a London restaurant shelled peas and cut beans in an air-raid shelter during a morning alarm. Members of the public helped.

'WE'D BANG THEM'

Goering's night murderers picked out a "troop concentration" for attack the other night.

The troops were the Chelsea Royal Hospital pensioners — men who fought their battles years before Goering and his louts knew what an aeroplane was like.

But it takes more than a murder plane to move these veterans. They are angry because they cannot hit back.

"We old chaps may not be much good to-day," said Corporal E. Marsh, South African War veteran, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, "but we'd have a bang at the devils if we could."

Corporal Marsh was one of five men who were buried in debris when a high explosive bomb fell at the junction of the North front and West wing, blowing holes in the walls and devastating several floors.

His Lucky Smoke

Corporal Marsh does not usually go into a shelter when there is a raid. He stays in his cubicle on the ground floor; but he cannot smoke in the wards, so he went out to join Sergeant G. Clarke, Driver W. G. Cox and three semi-blind men in their shelter under the staircase — just for a smoke.

"There was a crash," he said. "We were smothered in wreckage and cement dust. The powder almost suffocated us. I should think we swallowed enough cement to build a town hall."

Driver Cox, formerly of the Royal Army Service Corps, knows what bombing is like.

"I heard the scream of a bomb. The blast flung me to the boiler house door and then back to the colonnade."

"I could hardly speak because I was choked by soot. Still I remember things quite as bad when I was a serving soldier."

shot down. He destroyed three. In October he received a bar to the D.F.C. for downing eight German planes in eight days in the defence of London.

HIS BANNS READ, FLYER IS LOST

The day after his marriage banns were called at church. Gunner Wireless-Operator Jack Gibbs, nineteen, of Newbold, Rugby, has been reported missing.

He is to marry Miss Doris Shirley, nineteen, of New Bilton, Rugby.

Gibbs's father is a lay reader at the church where his son is to marry.

He told a reporter "My son has taken part in about thirty raids over Germany."

"All arrangements had been made for the wedding and the banns had been called for the first time. Miss Shirley has her wedding dress ready, and the news that Jack is missing has made her ill."

"Jack is twenty-to-morrow. He was home on leave a fortnight ago, when final arrangements were made for his marriage."

Glasgow's D.F.C., Flight-Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar, aged twenty-eight, is reported to have lost his life.

In his last letter to his father Mr. John McKellar, of Brora-drive, Bearsden, near Glasgow, he said he had just bagged his eleventh Nazi plane.

A plasterer in the business in which his father and uncle are associated, Flight-Lieutenant McKellar was in the Auxiliary Air Force for three years before the war.

He was awarded the D.F.C. in September for his great sense of leadership and tactics in launching his fight against ninety Heinkel 111s, at least four of which were

PETAIN SCORNS EQUALITY AND POLITICAL LIBERTY

MARSHAL PETAIN, in an article published by the Revue des Deux Mondes, one of the principal monthly reviews in France, now appearing in the non-occupied territory, contributes his own views on the political philosophy which he is trying to introduce.

It takes the form of an attempt to dispose of the Republican device, "Liberty, equality, fraternity," for which the Marshal wished to substitute the notions of authority and obedience towards the State.

"We must teach our young people," he writes, "that liberty can only be exercised when combined with recognition of a secular authority, which they must respect and must obey." The word "must" is printed twice in italics.

He is scornful of political liberty, "even if it concerns the right to drop a voting paper into an urn every four years." Nor is full liberty of labour to be accorded "for in this matter choice must be restricted by economic possibilities and by the exigencies of national interests."

Equality Modified

As for equality, "it is a fine thing at certain levels and in certain circumstances. But, if men are equal before death and before God, only a civilised society can grant them liberty before the law, and offer them equal opportunities in life. Equality must be bound up with a rational scale of authority based on differences of function and of merit."

"Fraternity, too, is a magnificent ideal, but in the condition into which we have now fallen the only true fraternity is that of the natural groups—the family, the city, the Motherland. As a means for promoting universal progress, the class struggle is an absurd conception which leads to national downfall and death through civil or international war."

"We must therefore tell our children that, though masters and men may sometimes have interests which clash, the general interest of their occupation is paramount and it in its turn is subject to the interests of production taken as a whole, which the State must direct, outside and above the 'corporations' concerned, according to the domestic and foreign markets."

All this, of course, postulates a strong and wise Government arising in some way from "the condition into which we have now fallen." But the authority of Marshal Petain is a precarious one. Even in the occupied zone hopes are now being placed elsewhere, and La France du Travail (Paris) finds it necessary to threaten those who refuse to believe that all is lost.



Deanna Durbin and Mischa Auer dance the wild Hungarian czardas together in opening sequences of Universal's spectacular production, "Spring Parade," now at the King's Theatre.

ESCAPED---"BE OFF" TO NAZIS

A HUSSAR OFFICER back in England after escaping thrice from the Germans in Flanders slept a night in an empty house which he had commandeered while disguised as a Belgian. Several times German N.C.O.s arrived and begged for a night's lodging. Assuming an air of authority, he refused. The Huns went away.

First captured with twelve others, the officer was marched to Brussels, where inhabitants pressed tobacco and food on them.

While being marched to St. Trone he slipped out of the column, clawed his way through a hedge and threw himself flat. He lay there until dark, scarcely daring to move his cramped limbs.

Without food and water he decided to risk calling at a lonely cottage, where a peasant gave him food and a Sunday suit. Thus he became disguised as a Belgian refugee.

He got as far as Elzevelles, to be challenged by a German lance-corporal.

He told the Nazi he had been to Flebecq, a small village without even a town hall, to see his brother. But Flebecq is a town in which the town hall is the biggest building, and the Hussar was marched off under escort.

A few minutes later he slipped away from his escort, and entered a cafe, looking for all the world like a bearded refugee in his best suit.

Further on, enemy troops were

everywhere and he was repeatedly challenged.

At Pecq the bridge was down, but he managed to cross the river, and at Lille he found himself in the midst of a battle between French and Germans.

In the general confusion he got hold of a bicycle, negotiated road blocks, and reached Grand Pont, only to be searched by a German soldier, who found his Army whistle and torch.

For the third time he was arrested.

Imprisoned at Abbeville and later at St. Ricquiers, where he was placed in a large barn full of civilians, he again escaped.

This time he got to the coast, where a friend helped him to get a small rowing boat.

It was midnight when he sailed. A little way out he saw a boat approaching. At the sound of a voice he dropped into the bottom of the boat. The cry came again — in English: "Hullo, who are you?"

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BRIDGE NOTES

Reaching A Slam

By The Four Aces

"In a duplicate foursome," writes Mrs. W. R. M., of Washington, D. C., "this hand created quite a bit of discussion:

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
Replay Duplicate

♠ A K Q 8
♥ 2
♦ A J 6 3 2
♣ 3

♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 4
♣ 10 8 6 2

♠ J 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K 7

"On the first round, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

"On the second round, played several weeks later, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Six hearts was made in each case. Would you give us your opinion as to the best method of reaching the slam, which is so obviously in the hand?"

On the first round, North's double and jump to four hearts are beyond criticism. But after such powerful bidding by North, South should realise that if North wanted to be in a game without knowing about the Ace and King of clubs, there ought to be a play for slam. A bid of five clubs by South would surely lead to a slam contract. North might bid six hearts at once, or might bid five spades; in either case, six hearts would be the final contract.

On the second round, North should have doubled instead of just overcalling with the bid of two hearts. But when South (properly) went to four hearts, the extra values in the North hand should have prompted that player to try for a slam. A bid of four spades by North would have produced five clubs by South; and then North could bid six hearts with reasonable assurance that there would be a play for the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The hand is not quite strong enough to bid the diamonds before showing the spade support. The simple raise is the clearest bid available.

Score 100% for two spades, 60% for two diamonds, 30% for one no-trump.

Question No. 604

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Burnstone
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer

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Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K. C. (to the defence): The whole of that is in the balance and you stand to lose everything, including your honour?—Yes.

Would you risk that for a mere £130?—Certainly not. Thirty-three-year-old Lieutenant Ensor, now on the extra-regimentally employed list, attached Holding Battalion, Grenadier Guards, said that when he signed certain cheques he had no idea they would be dishonoured.

He pleaded not guilty to twenty-six charges alleging cheque offences involving £135, denied absconding himself without leave, and denied charges concerning his revolver and ammunition.

Not Guilty

Ensor was found not guilty of absconding himself without leave, not guilty of the thirteen cheque charges alleging "scandalous conduct unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman."

He was also found not guilty of the two charges relating to his ammunition and revolver.

The finding of the Court on the alternative thirteen cheque charges alleging conduct to the



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Promise Denied

Replying to Captain Nield, Ensor said he did not promise Mrs. Allen £20. (Mrs. Allen said on that the officer promised her £20 when he went to her Clarges Street flat, that he gave her a cheque for £10 which was dishonoured, and that he left a watch as security for the other £10.)

He gave her £10. When he left her flat he did not say he would be back in twenty minutes. The watch was given to him by his wife last Christmas and he valued it extremely.

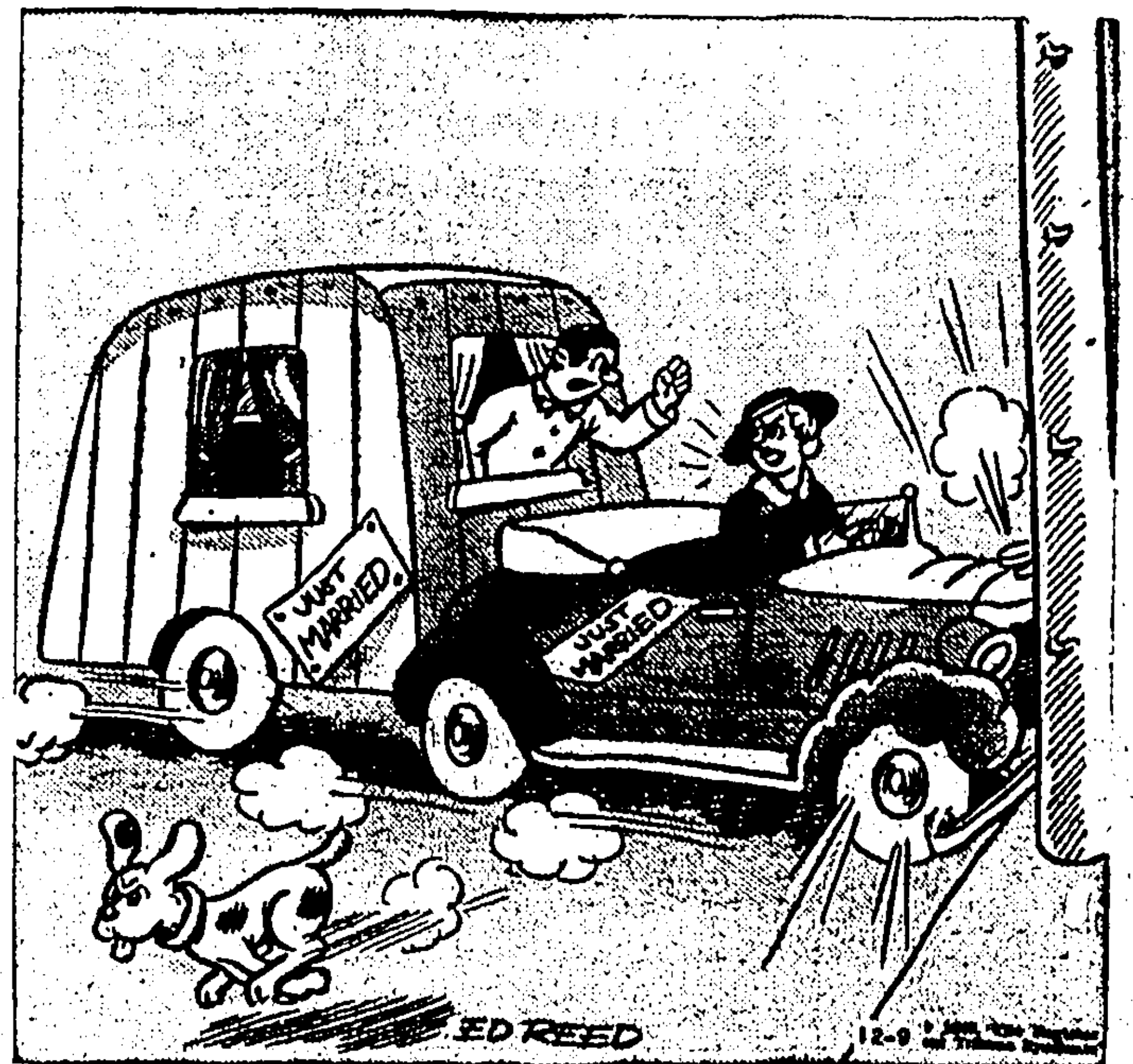
He left the watch at Mrs. Allen's flat by mistake and not as security.

The money with which the cheques were eventually met came from his mother. His wife had all his money.

When fifty incendiary bombs fell on a Midland farm, the owner and his wife extinguished the fires with sand, carted the remains of the bombs to a market town and auctioned them for the local Spitfire Fund.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"But John! You can't expect me to know everything about running a home in one week!"

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But when he arrived at the works next morning, after a heavy night raid, he found the output of brass extrusion billets, from which the rods are made, was as great as ever. The day foreman of the brass department explained that his workmates had talked it over and decided to work through the night, as usual.

Here are the names of these brave men: H. Ryder and W. Vander, foremen, and P. McManion, R. Davies, W. Schwab and H. Smith.

"I have implicit trust in all the men and the foremen who are in charge of the department," the head of the works told me.

"The first I knew of it was when I arrived next morning and found production as high as ever."

"It was done for no mercenary motive. To make up for the shorter hours they would have worked I had arranged to pay them a bonus."

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"It is a privilege to have such men work for me."

KOWLOON HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS

AT THE December meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, the question of the procedure to be followed by patients seeking admission to or treatment at Government hospitals, which has been receiving their attention for some time, was finally disposed of.

Investigations proved that most of the complaints regarding the Kowloon Hospital were due, not to the new regulations themselves, but rather to the faulty administration of those regulations, and it was reassuring to note that the Hon. Director of Medical Services had stressed the fact that any complaint in respect of any side of hospital management, treatment, or administration, if made to him at the time or as soon after as possible, would be immediately enquired into and Dr. Selwyn-Clarke had personally assured the Association that he would closely investigate any such complaints.

It was generally conceded that the fundamental cause of any dissatisfaction with the new regulations or for the need of such regulations, was the inadequacy of hospital facilities in the Colony, and it was decided that the Association should now direct its attention to the possibility of making suggestions or proposals which would tend to assist in improving and increasing those facilities; a special Sub-Committee was therefore appointed with this aim in view.

The report and recommendations of Mr. C. E. Terry were unanimously adopted, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to express the appreciation of the Association to the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, for the courteous and patient manner in which he has dealt with the representations made to him at the same time he was directed to record in the minutes a vote of thanks to Mr. Terry for his valuable work and report.

Kowloon Bus Service

As the result of further cor-

respondence with The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd., regarding the congestion on all the main bus routes, this subject again received considerable discussion.

For some time past, there have been constant complaints by the travelling public about the overcrowding and lack of accommodation on the buses, and the Association has made representations to the management of the Bus Company on the matter both by interviews and correspondence. The explanation given by the Bus Company from time to time was that the trouble is mainly due to a shortage of vehicles, owing to the non-arrival of rolling-stock from Great Britain, some of the orders for which were placed even before the commencement of the war.

Petition to Government

It has now been definitely ascertained that there is very little prospect of the Bus Company being able to obtain anything like the required number of British made vehicles from the United Kingdom in the near future. The management stated that they have made and are making every effort to cope with the situation. They had already petitioned Government for permission to purchase, for the duration of the war, American make vehicles for the purpose of replacement and enlargement of their present fleet of buses, and although this petition had been sent in some time ago, nothing had yet been heard in reply, consequently the ordering or purchase of such vehicles was held up.

The Company had also again appealed to Government to allow them to use "double-deck" vehicles on the main routes, in the same way as has been sanctioned on the Island; two chassis for "double-deck" bodies were actually in hand, and one of them with a frame-work body fitted to it had recently been tested on the road by the traffic department.

Some pungent remarks were made at the meeting regarding the apparent helplessness of the Bus Company to effect any practical means for coping with the situation, and it was emphasised that whatever quarter was responsible for the impasse, it was essential that something should be done to

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remove the constant and continued irritation to the residents of Kowloon, which the inadequate bus service involved.

Grave Danger

It was pointed out that the failure to provide for the replacement of unserviceable vehicles in due time, not only detrimentally affects the interests of the Bus Company themselves, but also gives rise to a grave danger of the transport services on the peninsula being seriously dislocated in the near future, a situation which might have vital repercussions in the event of an emergency. As the question generally is of paramount public importance, it was decided to draw the attention of Government to the matter.

Other business dealt with at the meeting was of a routine nature. Those present were — Mr. Lam Ming Fan, President; Mr. D. W. Munton, Vice-President; Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. H. Wong, Hon. Treasurer; Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Major C. M. Manners, Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, Miss R. Mow Fung, Messrs. R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, J. N. Sweetney, C. E. Terry, and B. Wylie. Apologies for absence were received from Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Mr. I. N. Murray and Mr. R. A. da Silva.

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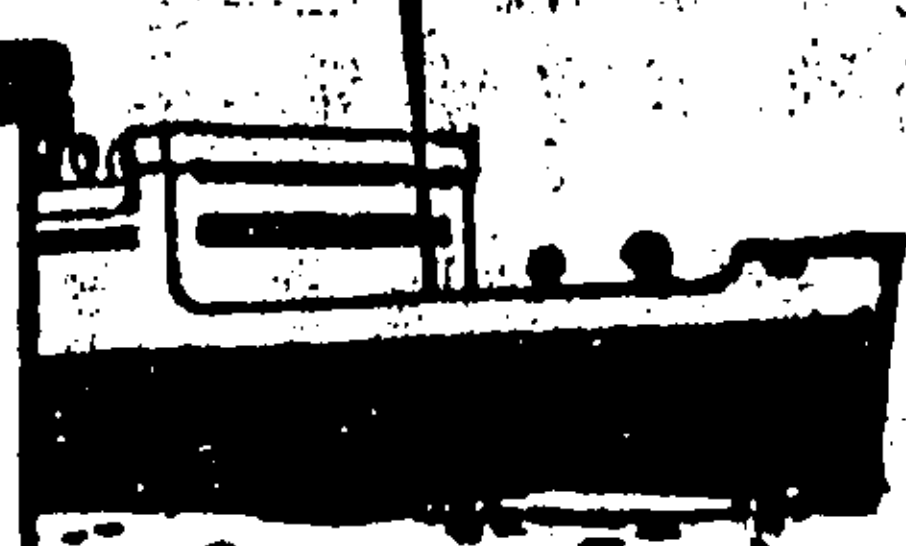
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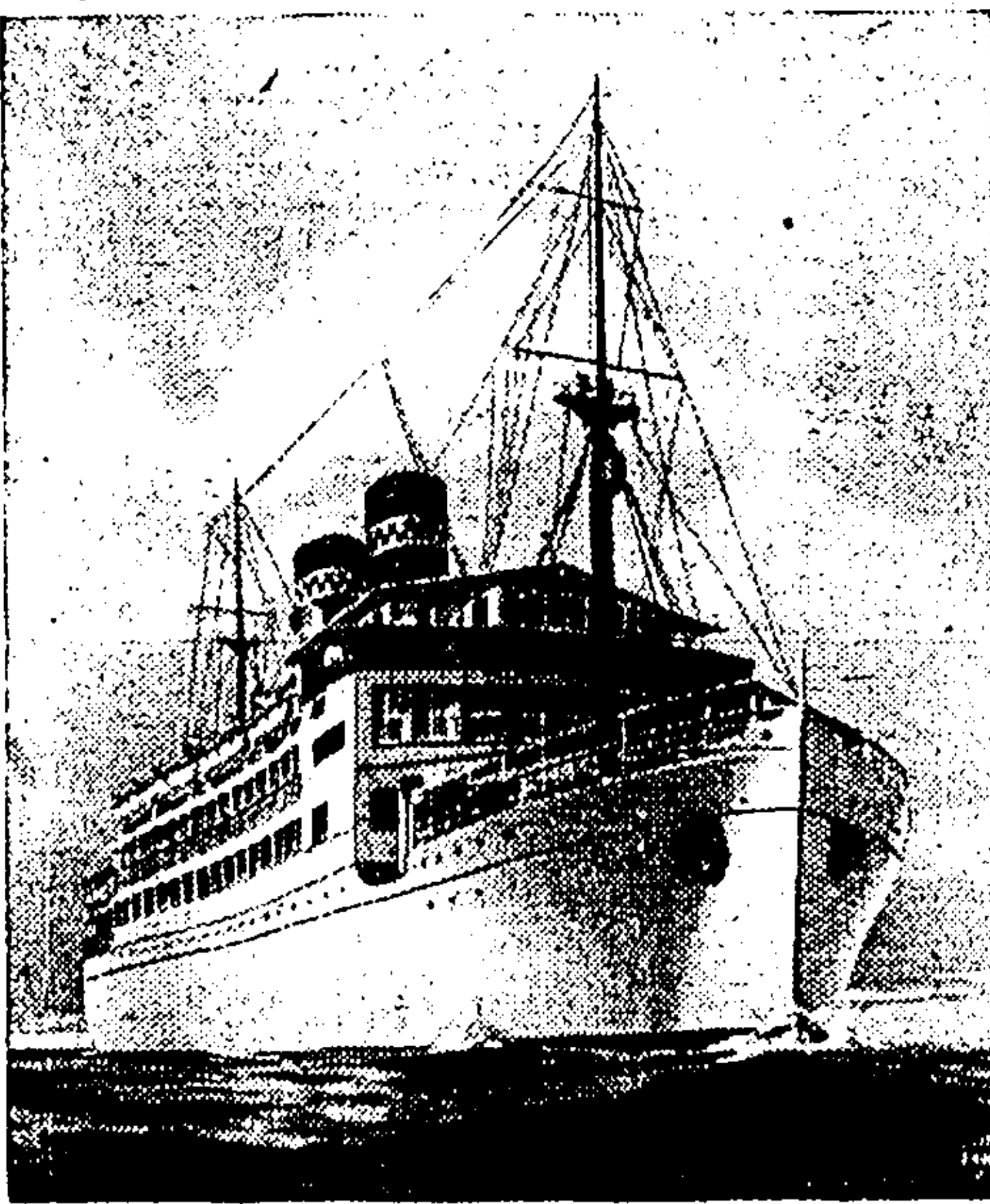
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12.30 p.m.—Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor Op. 21.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra and Gitta Alpar (Soprano).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Rossini—La Boutique Fantasque.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—A Programme by Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and Sam Browne (Vocal).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Theatre Land.

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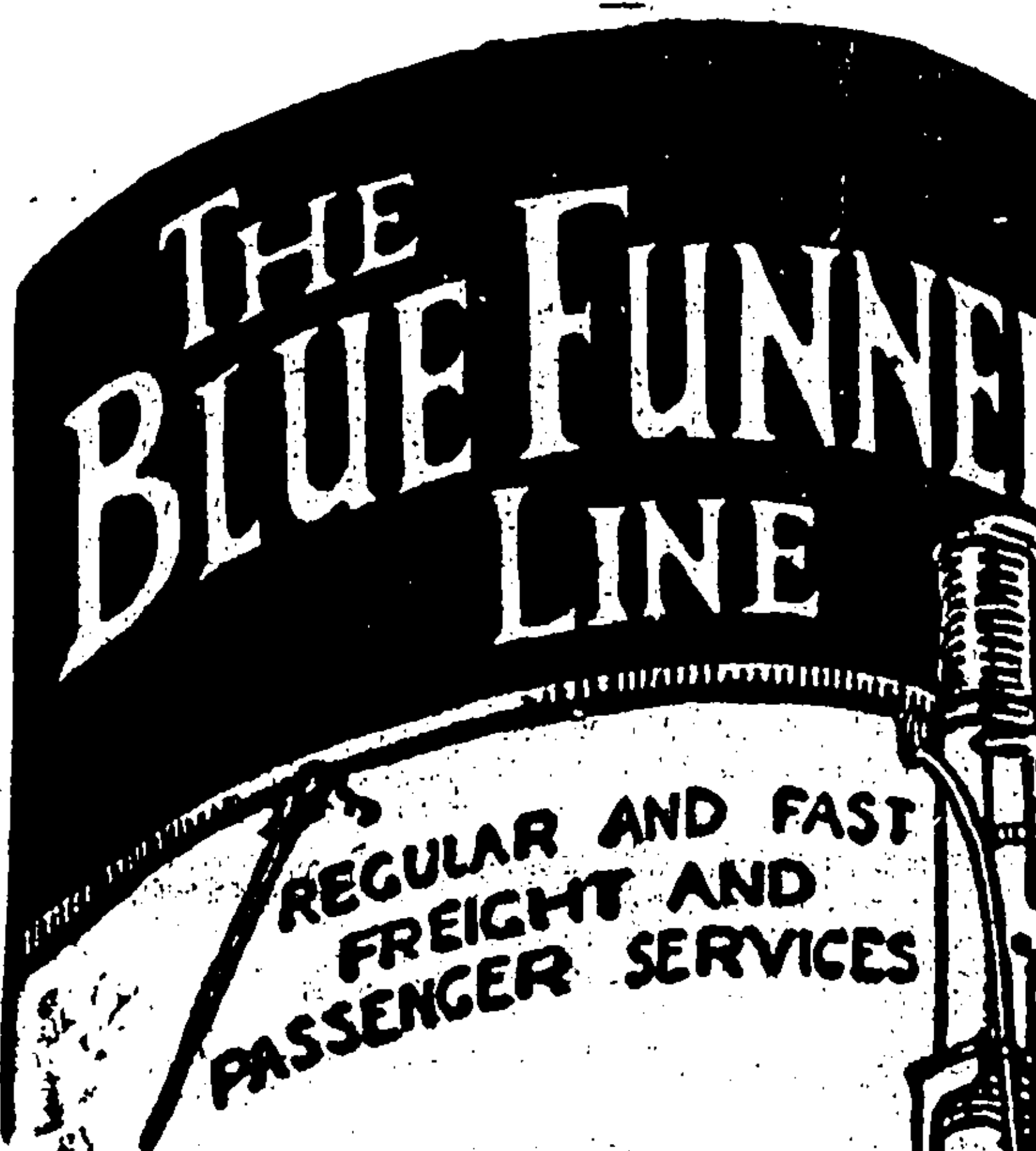
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFeree"

War Charities benefitted to the extent of another \$2,000 as the result of the Charity Football Game on New Year's day at Sookunpoor when Combined Chinese beat "Rest of Colony" by 4 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

Robinson played a grand game for "Rest" in goal and in the first half brought off several good saves. He was more often in action than his opposite number Cheong Wing-choy, who was badly at fault with the shot from Fox that beat him.

Since there will be no Inter-port with Shanghai this year, Hong Kong Football Association have lost no time in arranging the programme for Chinese new year on the dates reserved for the Inter-port series.

The Semi-Finals of the Lai Wah Competition will now be played on January 27, (Chinese New Year Day) and the draw will be made at the meeting of the Council of the Association on Thursday.

Advantage has also been taken to play-off one of the Kowloon Cup games on the following day and in order not to congest the fixtures any further, Army and Navy are prepared to play their game on Wednesday, January 23.

A request for a charity game between Shanghai Chinese and Southern Chinese on January 28, in aid of the funds of the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association has not been granted.

Wednesday's Charity game will be the last additional Charity game for a long time and it will now be possible to get on with League and Shield fixtures so that the season will be completed by early April.

Volunteer camps, which are again starting shortly, will unfortunately upset arrangements and the sooner the League games are played off the better.

Sing Tao are contemplating a visit to Manila early in March and in order to have no games during that period are prepared to have their games brought forward, if possible. On Sunday January 26 they meet Police at Boundary Street. Police will meet South China on the previous day in their postponed game from December 22.

E. Strange, the club all-rounder, will be badly missed by his club for the rest of the season as he leaves on holiday next week.

King Ka-pui signed for South China at the beginning of the season and then transferred to Kwong Wah. He is now on Sing Tao's register.

N. Delgado, who has not played soccer for a season has been practising hard recently and will be competing in the League. He has not decided whether he will join St. Joseph's or International.

Great annoyance was caused to two clubs last week by the chosen players failing to notify their clubs that they were not available. Kowloon and St. Joseph's both fielded depleted teams through this, last week.

O'Regan and Roughly will be playing at back against Sing Tao on Saturday for Navy and with Robinson, in goal, the Chinese will have to work hard to keep in running for the Championship.

BOXING BEAUTICIAN

Jimmy Perrin, featherweight contender, owns a New Orleans beauty shop and works at the trade when he isn't in training.

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AROMIN SEEKING FIGHT WITH LEN COLLINS

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Local Lad Seeking Fresh Fields To Conquer

By "Adrem"

AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS THE NAME OF "YOUNG" AROMIN HAS APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS IN CONNECTION WITH BOXING. USUALLY THIS KEEN YOUNGSTER HAS BEEN THROWING CHALLENGES WHICH THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN UP.

I know for a fact that Aromin, unable to get matches in Hong Kong, has gone further afield and letters have been addressed to promoters in Manila and other parts of the Far East.

Now there are some prospects of him achieving his ambition of raising himself to the status of a professional boxer of the very highest rank.

Agreement Signed

An agreement was recently signed between Aromin and Mr. M. Stanley, a manager who is likely to see that his charge does get places. Mr. Stanley is the man who gave another local man, Battling Rio, to Far Eastern boxing. Rio was taken to Singapore and is now the holder of at least three titles, including the welter-weight championship of the Orient.

Mr. Stanley has some excellent connections in Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and if Aromin goes down there he is assured of some good fights if he can make the grade.

Aromin is well-known as a keen lad who is always willing to don the gloves even when conceding a good deal of weight but his manager is anxious to match him in Hong Kong before going south. Difficulty is the lack of suitable opponents. A challenge was recently thrown out to Len Collins, the only suitable man in Hong Kong. Aromin and Collins, some months ago, were seen in action at Victoria Recreation Club, when Aromin gave a very promising display against the Britisher over a lively six-round bout. Since then Collins has been to Manila under the auspices of Jes Cortes, the well-known promoter, and scored at least one win.

Interesting Bout ?

With Aromin and Collins in full training a bout between the two men would, I am certain, attract a lot of attention and would do much to stimulate local interest in boxing, never at a lower state in the history of the Colony.

Mr. Stanley told me yesterday that although he knows that Collins in the Colony he has been unable to trace him and, if interested, the latter is asked to communicate with him as soon as possible with a view to arranging terms.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

The programme for Hong Kong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 1941, which will be held at Happy Valley on February 15, 17, 18, 19 and 22, contains eleven races for an entirely new class of pony, the Australian Griffins.

The Hong Kong Derby will be run on the second day and the Roly Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup on the third day.

The Australian Champions and Hong Kong Champions will take place on the fourth day, while the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription ponies Champions will be held on the last day.

R.E. FOSTER PASSES

R. E. Foster, one of the famous band of cricketing brothers who used to play for Worcestershire, died early in December, it is announced.

Foster captained the English team against the Australians in Australia during the 1903-4 season.

DERBY WINNERS CONTINUE TO GO TO AMERICA

DERBY WINNERS for America continues to be one of the chief topics among English racing men. Mahmoud was the latest to go, and now it is said that yet another will be following him. Negotiations between American breeders and the agents for the English owner are going on.

Owners who like the Aga Khan have invested huge sums of money in owning and breeding, cannot be blamed if they relieve themselves of some of their burdens, but it is much more inspiring to hear the statements of owners like Lord Derby that they will keep their important stallions in England.

It may even be that the time for Government action has come.

All industries come under Government control in some form or another in war-time, and horse racing and breeding is a big industry, with much capital sunk in it and giving work to thousands of people. One of the drawbacks to Government action at the moment is that there is no unanimity of opinion on the desirability of keeping racing going. Opponents of racing would be glad to see more horses going to America, on the grounds that they would not then be consuming feeding stuffs in England, or breeding when a decrease in the number of horses is desirable.

Thousands in Training

There are still thousands of horses in training in England, but there is, nevertheless, the danger of the supply of really first-class material drying up. When the war ends British owners and breeders want to take up their traditional place.

The English Derby remains the best known race in the world, and the winning of it the premier honour. Now Americans will be keener than ever on an all-American victory in this event. Mr. Pierre Lorillard's Iroquois won in 1881 and Mr. Duryea's Durbar in 1914, but they never ran in America and were trained one in England and the other in France.

It will still not be accurate to talk of an all-American victory

CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH

Arising out of discussion as to the merits and demerits of the Kowloon Cricket Club senior cricket eleven, has come a challenge from Hong Kong Cricket Club for a two-day game over the Chinese New Year holidays, which, it is understood, has been accepted. It is presumed that Club will call on their service and Civil Service members in which case a really excellent game should result.

COOMBES AGAIN AT STAND-OFF

Following will represent Army against Club to-morrow in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture on the Club ground at 4 p.m.—

L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); L/Sgt. Richards (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.); Capt. Douglass (R. Scots); Pte. McDonald (R.A.M.C.); Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Ford (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.); 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.); 2/Lt. Millar (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots); Capt. Duke (R. Scots); Cpl. Gilliam (Mx. Reg.).

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OFFICIAL LEAGUE TABLES

As Royal Army Service Corps have withdrawn from the Third Division of the Hong Kong Football League all points for matches already played are expunged from the Table.

Following are the league standings to December 31 supplied by Football Association.

FIRST DIVISION										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals		
Eastern	14	10	3	1	44	21	23			
S. China	13	10	2	1	40	13	22			
Sing Tao	13	10	2	1	36	16	22			
Middlesex	13	6	2	5	30	30	14			
Kowloon	11	4	3	4	16	20	11			
Navy	12	2	5	5	33	24	9			
R. Scots	12	3	2	7	20	23	8			
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7			
H.K. Club	11	3	1	7	21	38	7			
St. Joseph's	13	2	3	8	16	31	7			
Kwong Wah	13	1	4	8	23	40	6			

SECOND DIVISION										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals		
Engineers	14	12	2	0	71	14	26			
S. China	14	9	4	1	61	9	22			
Middlesex	15	9	3	3	49	21	21			
R.A.S.C.	13	9	1	3	66	24	19			
Sing Tao	14	8	3	3	40	20	18			
R. Scots	15	8	1	6	37	26	17			
Navy	14	8	1	5	41	31	17			
Kit Chee	16	6	2	8	32	51	14			
Kwong Wah	15	5	3	7	24	39	13			
30th R.A.	15	4	4	7	32	47	12			
R.A.O.C.	13	3	2	8	20	38	8			
Police	15	3	1	11	23	57	7			
Club	18	1	1	11	14	71	3			
Kowloon	14	0	2	12	15	77	2			

THIRD DIVISION										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals		
R.A.F.	12	9	2	1	32	15	20			
Signal	14	8	4	2	28	16	20			
36th R.A.	14	8	2	4	47	20	18			
12th R.A.	14	6	5	3	29	21	17			
24th R.A.	13	6	3	4	31	16	15			
R.A.M.C.	14	6	2	6	26	41	14			
7th R.A.	14	5	3	6	28	28	13			
Engineers	13	6	1	6	38	23	13			
International	12	5	2	5	27	23	12			
20th R.A.	13	5	2	6	20	31	12			
35th R.A.	10	4	2	4	21	20	10			
Shell	13	1	2	10	10	41	4			
A.S.A.	12	0	0	12	4	51	0			

TIE IN GOLF COMPETITION

The first competition held by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, for the Bomber Fund, for a prize presented anonymously, resulted as follows: G. M. Park (7)—3 up; G. Thompson (20)—3 up.

The tie will be played off later. The former played on the old course and the latter on the new course.

Other scores were:—Old Course: W. S. Hillier (10) and L. R. Andrews (5), 2 up; Major W. G. Hamey (10); S. L. Lloyd (10); J. Harrop (10)—one up; and New Course scores all square.

New Course: F. N. Merrick (10); Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (16); T. Megarry (9)—3 up; Capt. A. C. Drew Wilkinson (15); S. L. Lloyd (10); G. W. Tate (22); J. H. B. Lee (11) one up; and New Course scores all square.

A cheque for \$332 has been sent to the S.C.M.F. War Fund.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ROYAL SCOTS AND THEIR SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Fine Boxing Record Of Pte. Scott

Analysis Of The Cricket Eleven

By "Squaddy"

IN the Garrison Billiards League 40th (F) Coy. Engineers defeated Royal Corps Signals by 5 points to 2 on Tuesday evening.

Billiards

The Engineers scored 881 and Signals 781. Sgt. Brackenbury made the biggest break of the evening with a fine 29, and L/Cpl. Pitcher made a break of 24 for the Signals. Engineers had three players all making breaks of twenty or over, with L/Cpl. Thompson making breaks of 22, and 24, L/Sgt. Sheldrake a 22, and Spr. Ratcliffe a 21.

SIGNALS	ENGINEERS
Sgt. Brackenbury 138	L. Cpl. Thompson 150
Cpl. Blount 79	L. Sgt. Sheldrake 150
L. Cpl. Pitcher 150	Spr. Ratcliffe 135
L. Cpl. Murphy 127	Spr. Crittendon 150
Sgt. Liley 137	Spr. Monaghan 150
Sgt. Allen 150	S/Sgt. Colne 146
Total 781	Total 881

AT Sookunpoo, on New Year's Eve 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 12th Hvy Regt., R.A. by eight points to nil.

Rugby

5th A.A. played a better combining game than their opponents and well deserved their victory. Signals and Royal Army Service Corps drew, each side scoring three points.

Signals should have secured both points, but could not get the ball away from the scrum-downs which cost them the match. Service Corps were the first to score, but failed to keep the lead owing to bad passing by the forwards.

The first half of the League is still undecided with the Royal Scots having six points and the Middlesex Regt. five. This will be decided when Royal Scots and Middlesex meet some time in the next two weeks. Engineers won their half of the League and will meet either Scots or Middies in the final game to be played at Sookunpoo.

THE boxing season is nearly upon us and boxers are getting fit for the forthcoming competitions which will take place within the next two months. The Novices Boxing competition will be the first competition to be held and is due to take place on February 12 at Nanking Barracks.

Boxing

Pte. Scott of "C" Company, Royal Scots, is expected to win in his weight in the Area Individual Opens. He has an excellent Boxing record which dates back to 1935. Here it is:

Year	Weight	Result
1935	1st Battalion—Bantam	Weight Belt Holder
1936	2nd Battalion—Bantam	Weight Belt Holder
1937	2nd Battalion—Bantam	Weight Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Bantam	Weight Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Feather	Weight Belt Holder
1940	2nd Battalion—Bantam	Weight Belt Holder

At Moghulpura, India in 1937 Pte. Scott met the All-India Champion and after putting up an excellent show was just out-pointed.

AFTER a lapse of several years Royal Scots Cricket Team has once again come into being, and on the whole they have done well.

In some of their earlier matches the batting was bad and disastrous collapses took place against R.A. and R.E.s, but during the last two or three weeks they have improved with 157 runs against Police, and 173 for 7 against Club.

Their best performance of the season was undoubtedly a second wicket stand of 96 by Cpl. Alsey and Pte. Bateman which won the match against the Club. Bateman's 70 not out included one six and 11 fours.

The most successful bowler so far has been 2/Lieut. B. A. Fergus who has taken 21 wickets, Emmerson being second with 11 wickets.

Their bowling and fielding has always been good and steady, and there is a large reserve of bowlers who can be relied upon, although unfortunately they cannot all be given a chance to bowl in every match.

While on the subject of bowling, special mention is made of some very fine fielding by Bateman, whom several bowlers have to thank for his assistance in taking wickets. He has made 7 catches in Battalion matches so far.

BATTING AVERAGES

Inns.	N.O.	R.	M.S.	Avgo.
Pte. Bateman	7	1	116	70
Cpl. Alsey	5	1	76	33
2 Lieut. Fergus	8	1	125	47
Capt. Patterson	7	2	70	23
Capt. Duke	4	0	53	48
Major Godley	6	0	60	19

BOWLING AVERAGES

Inns.	N.O.	R.	M.S.	Avgo.
2 Lieut. Fergus	43	5	149	21
Pte. Emmerson	22	1	104	11
Cpl. Alsey	22	2	74	7
Capt. Duke	9	0	49	12
Pte. Bateman	26	3	80	6

OWING to the fine efforts of Q.M.S.I. Pacey, Sgt. Whippet and assistants at the Mount Austin Gymnasium Royal Scots have been able to revive this sport in the battalion.

Bayonet

The competition was fought outside the Gymnasium on the Peak, with "B" Company being deserving winners, beating H.Q. (2) by a margin of seven fights in the final.

The best fights of the competition were those between P.S.M. Smith and R.S.M. Goodfellow, and Capt. Harland and Pte. Fowler. Although P.S.M. Smith has done a lot of this sport and is considered to be one of the best exponents of this art, he was almost always beaten by the speed of R.S.M. Goodfellow's riposte and his superior footwork.

Capt. Harland's fight which took place in the final Round was well worth watching. His low, wide stance is disconcerting to any opponent, and his speed, riposte, joint and disengages was too much for Pte. Fowler on numerous occasions.

THIS year Royal Scots introduced a new sport into their midst,

by forming a Softball team, and seem to be holding their own against the more experienced teams in the Colony. They are now sixth in the Junior League together with Liga Portuguesa.

Softball

Following are the members of this sport which is hoped to be a flourishing branch of the Battalion sports. L/Cpls. Lane, Phillips, Edge, and Sharrock, Bds. Dibbs, Emmerson, Cooper, Christie, Marshall, and Slaytor, Ptes. Manson, Smith, and Cody.

PEGGY SCRIVEN MARRIED

Peggy Scriven, English Wightman Cup tennis player, and Frank Harvey Vivian, a Royal Air Force officer, were married recently.

H.K.C.C. XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against Cran-gower C.C. in a friendly match tomorrow on the Club ground:— L. T. Ride (Capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. For-lescue, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Hay-mes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

AN AMERICAN WRITES ON THE GAME OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

WITH JERSEY, socks, boots, and short knickers their only accoutrements, Australia's footballers look rather undressed, compared with the helmeted armoured divisions of America's gridiron game, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

For the principal code in four of the six States—a home-made mixture called Australian Rules—the field is comparatively an uncharted region. The only markings are a line around the boundary, and a small ring in the centre, where the umpire bounces the ball to start play.

It is a prairie of a field, 200 yards by 150 yards. On these broad acres, the backs might well be called outbacks, but as each team has 18 players, most of the vast open spaces are trodden by human foot in the course of the four 25-minute quarters. One rule empowers the umpire, at the request of either team, to master and count the players. In the bad old days, it was a necessary safeguard on such far-flung territory, but no such audit has been requested for many years.

No Offside

The game is played at a tearing speed. With no offside rule, or other impediment to forward kicking and passing, the ball is swiftly relayed from end to end. More than 40 goals were kicked by the teams in one Victorian League match this year.

More than 89,000 people paid approximately \$5,000 (the equivalent of \$15,500) to see Melbourne beat Richmond in the final for the Victorian premiership. That was on a wet day. The record attendance is 96,834. The Melbourne ground, most capacious in Australia, can hold no more.

The wonder of the Victorian season was Jack Titus pale-faced, slender Richmond forward, who topped the State goal list with 190. When Titus entered big football 14 years ago, people predicted that he would not withstand one season of the hurly-burly. Now 31, Titus has played in 242 matches for the Tigers—the last 152 without a miss—and has scored 793 goals.

Famous Kicker

The slickest, will-o'-the-wisp mover I have seen on any football field in England or Australia, George Moloney, scored 428 goals in helping Claremont win their third consecutive Western premiership. His nickname is "Speck," but there are no flies on Moloney. With his back to the goal and without looking around, this human corker can punt-kick the ball over his shoulder and find the target as accurately as if he had a periscope to show him where the posts are. And he does it equally well with either foot.

On a squally day, P. T. Morton, captain of Sturt, kicked six goals to enable his team to beat South Australian premiership. Morton's goal-tally for the season, 101, was second in his State to K. Farmer's 128 for North Adelaide. B. H. Leck, Sturt centre, 1st nothing through.

The average age of Eastern Suburbs' team, runner-up in New

South Wales, was 20. They were beaten for the premiership by New own, whose midget rover F. Williams, 5ft 2in, and only 110 pounds, is the smallest player in first-grade Australian Rules.

16 Six-Footers

But the Goliath touch is essential because Australian Rules set no limit to the vigor of bumping with shoulder and hip. Sixteen players between 6ft. and 6ft. 3in. were fielded in the Victorian semi-final between Melbourne and Essendon.

When outside Jack Dyer, a policeman known as the "Big Bad Wolf" of the Victorian League, entered his team's dressing-room before the final, his teammates hobbled him with mock malignity. They explained that it was to accustom Dyer to the sound-effect which opposing fans would provide when he bowled men over on the field.

Setting a cop to catch a cop, Melbourne's coach instructed Constable Jack O'Keefe that his part in the match was to shadow Dyer. This "shadowing" consisted not of keeping Dyer under secret observation but of meeting him shoulder to shoulder whenever the ball came near. The owners of both sets of shoulders showed ample give-and-take spirit.

Trophies Awarded

On the umpires' votes, trophies are awarded to the best and fairest Australian Rules footballer in each State. In Victoria, Herbert Matthews, dashing South Melbourne winger, tied with Des. Fothergill (Collingwood), aged 20, who has a managing director's 'berd on office-boy's shoulders.

Another 20-year-old, C. Barnsley, Sydney half-back, gained the N.S.W. trophy, although his club did not win a match. Mel. Bracie (Glenelg), South Australia's best and fairest, is a seasoned warrior of 23, who entered first-grade football nine years ago. Another who started senior football when 19, Doug Pittard (Taringa), won the trophy in Queensland where the Windsor team, led by C. S'ream, flowed on to their fifth consecutive premiership.

A high-leaping ruckman, E. O'Keefe (West Perth), topped the Western Australian poll. O'Keefe is so durable that he has not missed a match for five years. L. Bennett (Longford) won the Tasmanian shield trophy in the island State, where stocky Jack Metterell's resourceful forward play assisted North Hobart to win their seventh title.

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Most Spectacular Baseball Match

By WARREN BROWN.

(In the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.) In describing the most spectacular baseball game viewed by this particular pair of eyes, it might be well to begin with a sensational statement. Babe Ruth was not in it.

The game was the fifth of the 1920 World Series, played at Cleveland on October 10 and won by the Cleveland team, 8 to 1, from Brooklyn.

One-sided? Well, perhaps. But down through the years it lingers as the hell-roaringest ball game I've ever watched.

Brooklyn and Cleveland had won a pair of games each, as they came into this critical fifth engagement.

The Dodgers, led by that lovable character, the late Wilber (Uncle Robbie) Robinson, and the Indians, managed by one of the greatest outfielders of all time, the Gray Eagle, Tris Speaker, were prepared to fire the best they had into the battle.

As his convincer, Uncle Robbie chose Burleigh Grimes, who had topped the National League pitchers of the 1920 season. Not to be outdone, Speaker came back with Jim Bagby, American League pitcher leader, whose record of 31 victories seemed to fix his place in the hurling sun. This game well might be the turning point in the Series. Everyone sensed that.

Baseball fans have a fine sense of values and are generally prepared for anything, but the wildest dream of any one of the frenzied fans crowding into the Cleveland Park that October day could hardly have fitted him for what he was soon to witness.

Bagby disposed of the Dodgers in jig time in the first inning, and the home team came to bat, with the crowd, largely Cleveland partisans, whooping it up as Grimes began to pitch.

Jamieson, the Indians' lead-off man, slashed away at one of Grimes' tosses. The ball, sharply hit, was handled—no, it wasn't—by Konetchy, the lumbering first-baseman of the Dodgers.

A hit! One man on. Bill Wambsganss—Wamby for box-score brevity—swung and swung, and fouled and fouled. But finally he lashed one past Sheehan, a rookie filling in at third base for the Dodgers. Two hits! Two men on!

To the vocal uproar of the partisan crowd was added the noise of horns and rattles and cowbells. The Indians were coming! Grimes, the Dodger pitcher, Olson, the scrappy shortstop, and the youngster Sheehan met in mid-diamond for a conference. Obviously Speaker, the next hitter, was going to bunt to sacrifice the runners along. It was Grimes' idea to make Speaker bunt where the ball could be handled rapidly, not to first but to third, for the force-out.

Bases Loaded

The theory was grand, but the execution was a trifle faulty. Speaker bunted. Grimes rushed in and fielded the ball, but even as he did, his spiked shoes slipped and he sat down abruptly on the sod. From that ungraceful position the Dodger pitcher tried desperately to throw out the flying Speaker. Too late! The bases were filled! And a man named Smith was advancing to the plate.

Any kind of hit would score a run. A fair-sized single would score two. Even a long fly would bring in one run, putting the Indians out in front.

The man named Smith, a left-handed hitter, flashed a ball. Smith's bat met it with a round-house wallop. Up, up and out sailed the ball. Far beyond the view of all of the 20,000 present. Over the fence! A home run! With the bases filled!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in World Series history. Nothing like that was to happen again until 16 years later, when Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees hit a homer with all the sacks occupied in the 1936 World Series.

Wild seems a tame expression for the conduct of that crowd as one, two, three, four white-uniformed Indians trotted around the bases, and the score stood 4 to 0 in favour of Cleveland. But as an Al Jolson might well have predicted, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Elmer Smith's homer with the bases filled was a terrific blow to Grimes and the Dodgers. But they kept fighting back. In the fourth they were near normalcy and really looked as if they were go-

ing somewhere against Bagby. Then came the second shock.

Pitcher's Circuit Clout

In their hall of the fourth, the Indians placed Johnston on third base, and the Dodgers decided in the interests of peace and quiet that it would be wise to walk O'Neill, the Cleveland catcher and a dangerous hitter, and pick on Bagby, who was reputed no Ty Cobb with the flail.

That, too, was a good idea for the moment. No longer!

All Bagby did was swing on the first pitch and deposit it out in the temporary bleachers which filled part of right-centrefield.

A home run! A home run with two on bases. A home run by a pitcher!

You might imagine that this was the final blow to the Brooklyn cause. It wasn't! In a sense it was only a preliminary.

Up to the plate for their half of the fifth stormed the Dodgers. Kilduff, their second baseman, batted a single to left. Miller, their catcher, ditto. Two hits. Two men on. Now, we're getting somewhere!

The next batsman was Mitchell, the pitcher who had replaced Grimes shortly after Bagby's homer had convinced Uncle Robbie that this wasn't Burleigh's day. Unlike most pitchers, Mitchell was no sucker hitter, but in all his long career he hit no other

baseball with the devastating effect to his own side as this effort.

Triple Play Unassisted

He took a free swing at one of Bagby's choicest, and the ball shot out on a line between Wambsganss and second base. Wamby dashed over, stuck out his gloved hand and speared the ball in the air.

Kilduff, away with the crack of the bat, had no chance to get back to second. Wamby's rush carried him the few steps necessary to touch second. Two out! A double play! But the worst was yet to come.

The ponderous Miller, running toward second base with his head down and as if his life depended upon it, was unable to reverse himself, as a more agile man might have done. Wamby whirled, prepared to throw to first base, and changed his mind, thereby moving himself into Baseball's Hall of Fame. Instead of throwing the ball, he went forth as a one man reception committee to meet the oncoming Miller, tagged him, and the "Triple play, Wamby, unassisted," went into the scorebooks!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in a World Series. Nothing like that has ever happened since.

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CANADIAN SPORTSMEN RESPOND TO CALL

CANADIAN SPORTSMEN, LIKE THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, HAVE RESPONDED GALLANTLY TO THE CALL TO THE COLOURS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA.

EMPIRE BOXING AFTER THE WAR

Taking what may seem an extremely long view, the National Sporting Club, looking to future boxing intends to hold a tournament for the British Empire boxing championships at the end of the war.

John Harding, the N.S.C. manager, stated that competitions would be held at all weights.

"A similar tournament was held at the end of the last war," he said, "and it proved a great success. It will be a golden opportunity for our overseas troops to take part. Many of them have already proved their boxing skill in minor competitions."—Reuter.

Perhaps two of the best known, now both serving overseas, are Ross "Sandy" Somerville, six times Canadian Amateur Golf Champion and winner of the American Amateur title in 1932, and Johnny Learning, the Olympic and Empire Games runner.

Another Olympic athlete is Cliff Bricker, and among the lawn tennis players is Willard "Bill" Creeker, many times Canadian singles champion.

Prominent Boxers

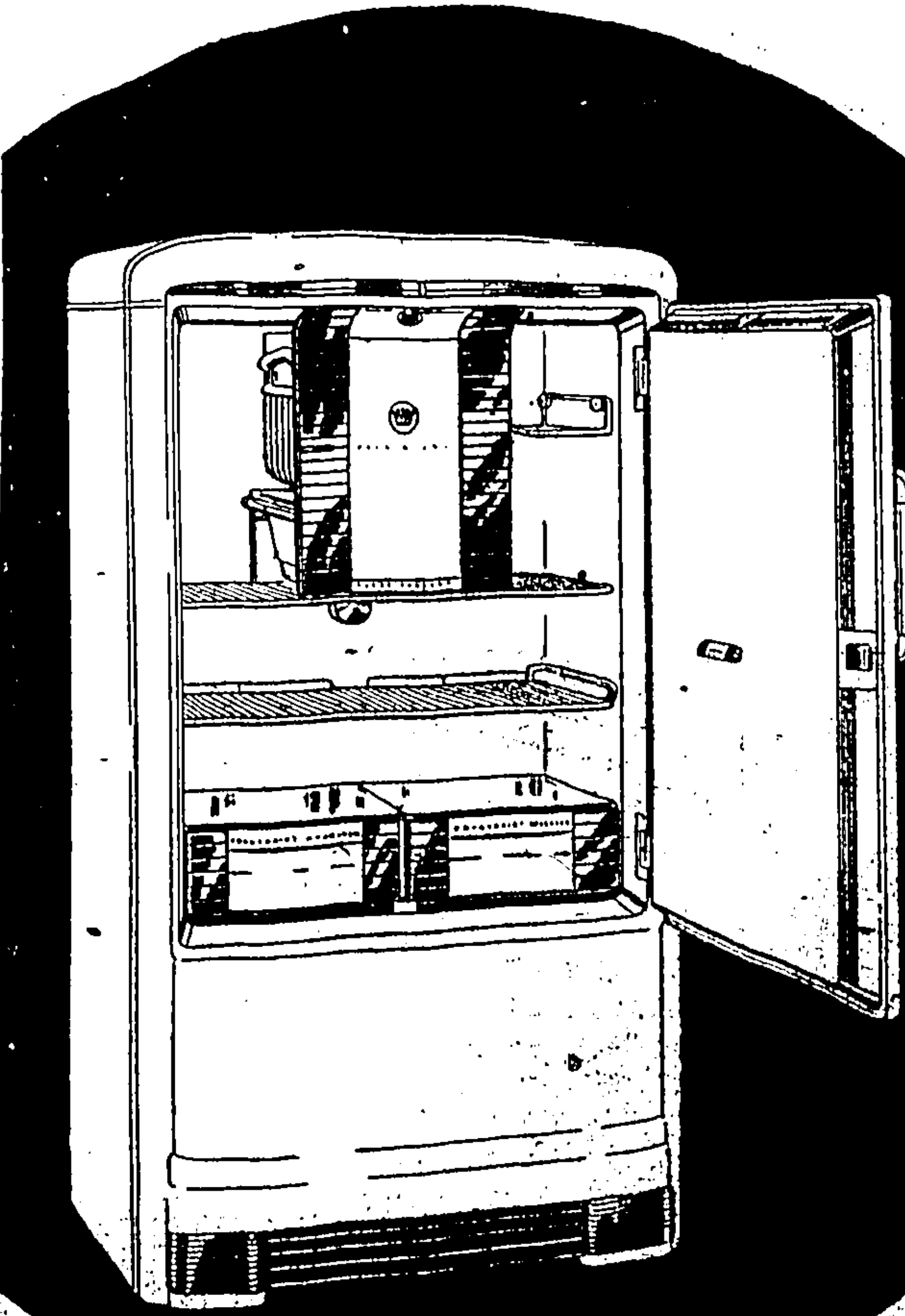
Among the more prominent boxers who have joined up are Orville Drouillard (Windsor, Ontario), Billy Townsend (Vancouver), Tommy Bland (Toronto), and Bobby Leitham (Montreal), all former professional champions at their respective weights.

Ross Galloway, a former amateur champion, is in the Royal Canadian Navy, and a boxer who was favourite a decade ago, Soldier Jones (Toronto), is in the Medical Corps.

The first Canadian athlete reported to have given his life for his country is Flying Officer Richard Ball, of Montreal, who was in the R.A.F.

He died in a German prison camp.—Reuter.

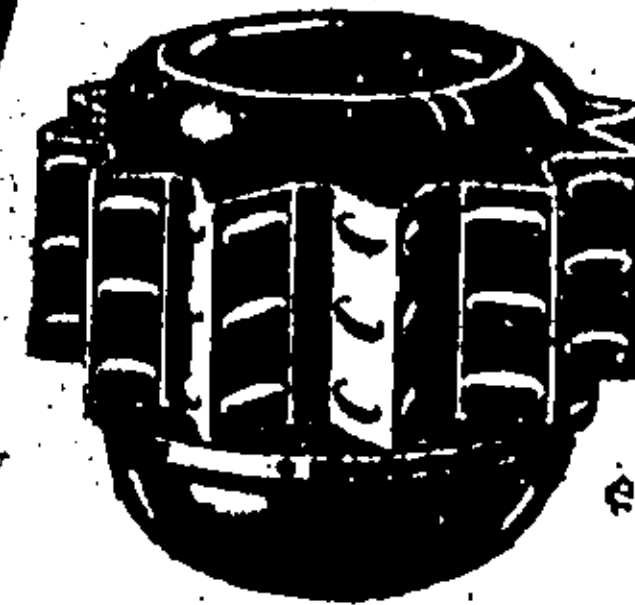
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EIRE BOMBED FOR SECOND NIGHT

Eire was bombed last night for the second successive night when three bombs fell near Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

No damage was done and nobody was injured.—Reuter.

ANOTHER GOEBBELS' BLUNDER

Yet another German propaganda-blunder was revealed in London yesterday.

In a recent communique, the Nazis claimed that during a raid on Britain a gas-holder exploded.

Unfortunately for the Nazis, the type of gas-holder used in Britain does not explode. The worst that could happen is for the escaping gas to ignite, but the flames would not spread and local residents need have no fears.

On the other hand, many of the

BRITAIN IS TO take immediate steps to deal with the danger from incendiary bombs following the big fire raid on London on Sunday night.

The Prime Minister has approved the immediate establishment of a special organisation, to be called the Fire Prevention Executive, to secure prompt and vigorous action by various Government departments and authorities concerned in applying effective measures of fire prevention in target areas.

GREECE'S 1941 RESOLUTION

WE BEGIN 1941 WITH THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH UNTIL THE ENEMY HAS BEEN EXTERMINATED," DECLARED GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE GREEK PEOPLE.

General Metaxas added: "We begin 1941 in the knowledge that our struggle will be long and hard and that we shall suffer, but we are determined we will endure all in order to bring our struggle to a conclusion worthy of our Greece." — Reuter.

German gas-holders are of the waterless type in which pressure is maintained by a piston inside the holder.

Damage to the casing or piston of a German gas-holder might lead to air mixing with the gas, with the possibility of a real disaster. — Reuter.

The new organisation, which will include responsible representatives of all Government departments concerned with the many aspects of the problem of fire prevention, will work in close association with the Minister of Home Security.

There will be the fullest possible delegation responsible to regions and to smaller areas within regions, and appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of work in Scotland.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. W. S. Morrison, will preside over meetings of the new Executive.

Apportioning Asks

The new Committee will apportion the task of fire-watching. The Ministry of Aircraft Production, the Ministry of Supply and the Admiralty are among those whose special responsibility will be for their own factories.

The Ministry of Home Security will assume special responsibility for all buildings, public private and industrial, which do not come within the scope of other departments, and the homes of the whole civilian population will come under its wing.—Reuter.



Firemen fighting fires off Chancery Lane, one of the centres of the legal profession, during a recent raid.

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CITY SHAKES TO DYNAMITE

London yesterday afternoon heard a new kind of "war-noise" — that of exploding dynamite, as demolition squads of the Royal Engineers set about clearing up the damaged portions of the City of London, as a result of Sunday night's raid.

In many cases, they used ropes but occasionally dynamite was necessary.

Working alongside them with pick and shovel were 1,000 men of the Pioneer Corps, clearing up the roads.

The danger from falling buildings was so great in some areas that the police were on duty all day to ensure that only those with official permits entered those areas.

In a few days, except for empty sites where churches and famous old buildings once stood, the City will have regained much of its former aspect. — Reuter.

KUNMING AIR ALARM

After a fortnight of quiet, the air-raid alarm sounded in Kunming and 110 yesterday afternoon.

Twelve bombers raided the air field and another formation of eight planes attacked the power station at Shihlungph shortly afterwards.

The all clear sounded at 4 p.m.—Reuter.

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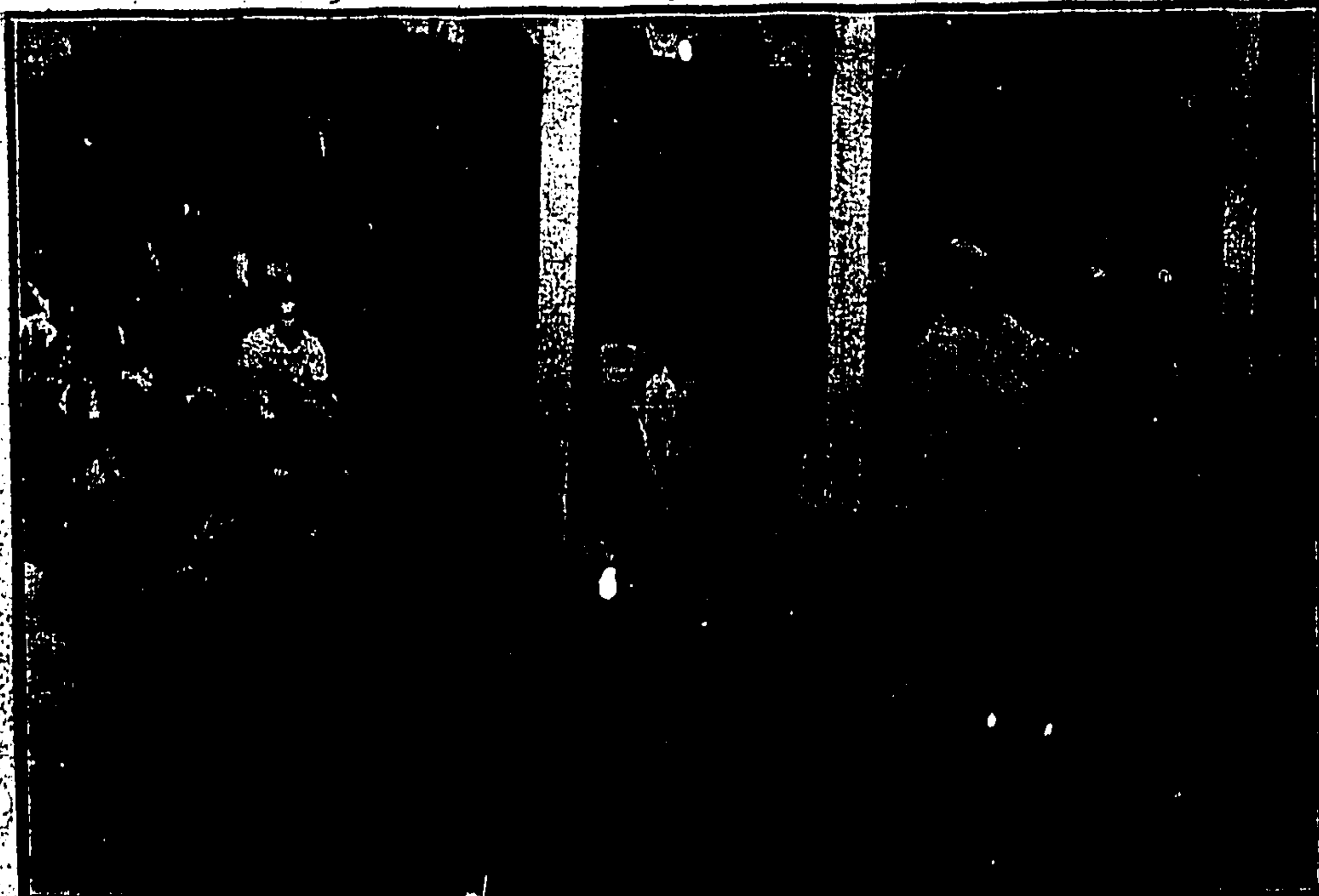
Kops In Holiday Mood



The "Kowloon Kops" and the women's team, who gave an amusing display of softball in the cause of charity at the Kowloon Football Ground on Boxing Day.



Penfold of the Kowloon Kops swings a big stick at the charity softball match against a women's team on December 26th.



Bethel—the Kowloon Kops—enjoying the pill.



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SHORT STORY

SLICK TIM By ROLAND DANIEL

PERHAPS it was a coincidence that the charming little flat above the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank should be let on the same day as the rich American, Silas Meagan, rented the old Court House in the same Hampshire village.

The managers of the bank as a rule lived in the flat above, but it happened that the new manager was married to a woman of means who desired a house with a garden, so the flat became to let, and being above and belonging to the bank naturally only a person of the highest integrity and with the best of references was allowed to lease it.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were such people. They came from the Midlands. Davis purported to be a retired draper and produced references from two elegants, as well as one lady of title quite satisfactory from head office point of view. So the flat was let to them and about three days after they had moved in the new owner of the Old Court House strolled into the bank and stated he desired to open an account.

"Mr. Silas Meagan, that's the American who has just taken the Old Court House, isn't it?" said the manager to his clerk.

"Yes, sir," replied his subordinate.

"Must be a very wealthy man. I expect he just desires a small current account for running expenses. Well, it will be something to have his name on our books. Show him in."

"Mr. Humphreys will see you in his private office, Mr. Meagan," informed the clerk, and led the potential customer to the door of that sanctuary.

"Mr. Meagan?" said the manager.

"Sure, that's right. Silas Meagan, late of Denver City, U.S.A., come over the pond to settle down in the peaceful countryside of an English village."

"My name is Humphreys. I'm the manager here. Pleased to meet you, Mr. Meagan. My clerk informed me you wish to open an account with our bank."

"That's about the size of it, Mr. Humphreys."

"I take it—er—just a small current account to meet running expenses?"

"Small? Say, hell! I don't know if you call thirty thousand pounds small, but from the size of this here joint and your one assistant outside, I wouldn't imagine you did."

"I have another clerk, Mr. Meagan. He, unfortunately, is away ill at the moment. Also we have some quite good names on our books. One or two of the best county people have an account here."

The manager felt he must endeavour to make a favourable impression. An account of £30,000 would be a feather in his cap at head office. The Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern dealt mostly with small farmers, the tradesmen of the village, and a few small county accounts, kept just for the convenience of these folk who might suddenly find themselves short of ready cash. Mr. Silas Meagan had sprung a surprise by the enormity of the amount he had mentioned. He was to spring another the next moment.

"Say, I've got the money all in notes outside in my car. If you are willing to take charge right now I'll fetch it in."

Mr. Humphreys beamed.

"I shall be only too delighted to take charge, Mr. Meagan. I will get your paying-in slip ready on your return." And as the American left his office, the manager rang his bell. "Parsons," to the clerk. "Mr. Meagan is opening an account for £30,000. He is paying the whole sum over to us now in cash. I shall require you to take it into Winchester this afternoon and hand it over to the branch there. I should not rest to-night knowing we had such a sum in our safe here."

There was no strong room at the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern; just a large safe. Rarely, if ever, had it been necessary for the Sowbury branch to have more than five or six hundred pounds to meet the immediate demands of its customers.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, do you keep this money in your vaults here?" asked Mr. Silas Meagan, after the amount had been paid over.

Mr. Humphreys explained there were no vaults at the Sowbury branch and his intention of sending Mr. Meagan's £30,000 into

Winchester that afternoon, to be handed over to the care of their branch in that town.

"Of course you quite understand, Mr. Meagan, this is only a small place and it is rarely that any of my customers make demands for more than a hundred pounds at a time."

"You bet I get you. Say, I've only been in Sowbury about a week, but I guess it's a cock-eyed joint all right."

Mr. Humphreys was not quite sure he understood what a cock-eyed joint was, but he imagined it was not meant as a complimentary term to Sowbury.

"Now, Mr. Humphreys, should I at any time require to draw the whole of that sum out, you'll want notice, I guess?"

"A clear day would be sufficient, Mr. Meagan, but I trust we shall not be losing your custom."

"Never know," Mr. Silas Meagan rose to his feet. "Guess I'm what you call eccentric. Maybe one morning I'll get up and say to myself, 'The U.S.A. is calling me.' Why, what do I do then? I'll tell the world I'm packed and on my way within forty-eight hours."

Mr. Humphreys trusted his new customer would not exercise his eccentric desire to return to the home of his fathers before Head Office had had time to realise the fact that given a chance, he was as capable of securing wealthy customers as any other manager. Mr. Humphreys desired an appointment to a town branch of the Northern and Southern. Mrs. Humphreys did not like country life, a fact which was the source of considerable contention between them.

The weeks passed and turned themselves into months, and four of them had sped before anything exciting had happened at Sowbury.

Mr. Humphreys had been congratulated on securing so wealthy a customer as Silas Meagan, especially as the American seemed content to allow his £30,000 to remain at the bank. Strangely enough, since the day of his first visit he had not set foot on the bank's premises. The Davises, who had the flat above, turned out to be a very quiet couple, keeping themselves to themselves, paying their bills regularly and causing no annoyance to anyone, just as it should be.

"I believe it won't be long now before I get my promotion to a town branch," said Mr. Humphreys to his wife one morning.

"I trust you're right," replied that lady. "This village life is about killing me."

Mr. Humphreys kissed his wife, assured her she would not be buried alive much longer, then departed for his office, to discover to his surprise Silas Meagan's car waiting outside those premises.

"Mr. Meagan is waiting to see you, sir," informed one of his two clerks.

"I saw his car outside," replied Mr. Humphreys. "Show him in here at once." "I trust he has come to make another large payment of cash," he thought to himself.

But Silas Meagan had come on a contrary errand, and he informed the manager of the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank of that fact in few words.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, that call has come," he announced as he entered.

Mr. Humphreys, who had forgotten, said: "The call, Mr. Meagan?"

"The call to return to my native home," replied the American. "Say, don't you remember my telling you it might come one day? Well, it has come and I'm sailing for the U.S.A. to-morrow afternoon. I want my £30,000; I have my cheque already written out."

Mr. Humphreys felt a great disappointment at the loss of his customer, but, after all, the man could do as he liked, and if he felt he preferred to live in America, that was his affair.

"I have not such a sum on the premises," he said. "I shall have to send in to our head-office at Winchester."

"Sure, I understand. You explained that when I opened my account. Guess I can have it by ten o'clock, to-morrow morning; that will give me time to get to Southampton to catch my boat."

"I will send one of my clerks for the money this afternoon."

"Look here, Mr. Humphreys; I don't want you to call a sociable fellow, but as I'm leaving here to-morrow perhaps you and Mrs. Humphreys will be so good as to dine with me this evening?"

Now Mr. Humphreys might have refused this invitation had it not been for the fact that he felt an evening out would possibly appease the temper of his lady when she heard his wealthy customer had decided to depart.

"Both Mrs. Humphreys and myself will be delighted to dine with you this evening," he replied, adding: "Perhaps you would like me to bring the money along with me?"

"No, no," came hastily from Mr. Meagan. "I have no safe up at the Old Court House, and it will be O.K. in your's for to-night. I will collect in the morning at 10 o'clock."

It was a very pleasant evening the Humphreys spent with Silas Meagan. He proved himself to be a most entertaining host.

"A pity we haven't had an invitation to go up there before," remarked Mrs. Humphreys on their way home.

Mr. Humphreys was the first at the bank the following morning. He had felt particularly pleased with himself on his walk from his house through the village, owing to the fact Mrs. Humphreys had been exceedingly delightful at breakfast. It was not until he had put the key in the lock and swung the bank door open that he had a feeling something was wrong. A sort of cold shiver ran down his spine.

He glanced round; everything seemed in perfect order. Taking the letters from the letter-box, he proceeded to his private office.

"Now, I wonder what gave me that absurd feeling?" he thought to himself. Then, as he opened the door of his sanctum he knew. The whole interior of the room was a chaotic mess. Plaster of Paris, lumps of wood littered his desk and the floor.

He looked upwards. Good heavens! the ceiling had fallen down—the ceiling which divided his office from the Davis' sitting-room. There was a great gaping hole. Now what on earth?

His heart gave a thump of apprehension. His eyes caught sight of the floor boards above. This had been no accident—those boards had been deliberately sawn through.

Not pausing for another second's investigation in his own office, he flew into the outer one and across to the corner where stood the safe. His worst fears were confirmed. The door of it stood wide open, twisted into a fantastical shape by the heat of the oxy-acetylene torches which had been applied.

The books were still in their places, but the £30,000 in cash belonging to Silas Meagan, and the odd monies they had taken the previous day, were gone.

He had already informed the village constable on the telephone and was speaking on that same instrument to their branch at Winchester when his clerk, Parsons, came in.

"Good heavens! sir, what has happened? You look as white as a sheet," exclaimed the clerk.

Mr. Humphreys explained what he had discovered on entering the bank.

"Have you been up to see if the Davises are in, sir?" enquired Parsons.

Mr. Humphreys shook his head. "There hasn't been time. You had better go up, Parsons, though I fear the worst. It was from their sitting-room the entrance was gained. They must have been at work on the floor above for some time. Good God! Parsons, what will Head Office say?"

"They can't blame you, sir. The Davises had excellent references. By the way, you have not forgotten Mr. Meagan, will he be here at ten o'clock for his money? He is sailing for America this afternoon."

"No Parsons, I have not forgotten. Our Winchester office is sending along another thirty thousand, also an inspector and detectives to investigate this matter. Will be accompanying whoever brings the money."

It was the same information Mr. Humphreys gave to Silas Meagan when he arrived at ten o'clock.

"Say, but this is a real bust up, Mr. Humphreys," commented the American, as he surveyed the damage in the manager's office. "Guess those two people who took the flat above here were a pair of real clever rogues."

It was nearly half-past ten before the manager of the Winchester Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank, accompanied by an inspector and two plain-clothes

men, arrived at Sowbury by car.

"Mr. Norton, have you got that money? Mr. Silas Meagan is raising Cain. Says if he misses his boat to America he'll hold us responsible for any delay," was the greeting of the Sowbury branch manager to the Winchester one.

"Yes, I have the money here all in cash as directed. This is a terrible affair, Mr. Humphreys. However, we will discuss it after you have seen Mr. Meagan. By the way, where is he?"

"In his car outside."

"Then go and give him his thirty thousand pounds and when you come back we'll go into this matter of the robbery. I've brought with me an inspector and two plain-clothes detectives from Winchester."

Now it happened directly after Mr. Humphreys had handed to the American the £30,000 which closed his account at the Northern and Southern Bank, there walked out of the Red Lion Hotel, which was nearly opposite, a rather under-sized, insignificant, red-headed little man, who was about to step into a powerful-looking two-seater car, when with one foot on the running-board he hesitated.

"Gosh! Well, I'll be damned!" he muttered to himself. Then glancing across at the place from which the car had started, he took his foot off the running-board and hurried over the road. In the Northern and Southern Bank he was greeted by Parsons, the clerk.

"Who was that man who just left from outside here in a big Rolls-Royce car?" he asked.

Parsons looked at the questioner with some suspicion, then replied: "A Mr. Meagan, Mr. Silas Meagan, the American millionaire." "American—hell!" muttered the little man, then as his eyes caught sight of the wrecked safe in the far corner "Had some trouble here?" he asked.

Parsons bridled. He looked as if he was going to be exceedingly rude. He had never seen the little man who was questioning him before and he did not particularly like the look of him. He opened his mouth to say something nasty, but was prevented from doing so by the entrance from the private office of his manager and the inspector of the Winchester police. The inspector glanced quickly towards the little under-sized man and his eyes opened wide with a look of astonishment. He stepped forward, exclaiming as he did so: "Well, of all the last persons in this world I expected to see, you are one of them."

The two men shook hands. The inspector turned to the manager of the bank.

"Mr. Humphreys, this is Chief Detective Inspector Walk from Scotland Yard," he said, then to the little man: "Well, what on earth are you doing in Hampshire?"

"I'm on my way to Plymouth to make some investigations into a suspected case of murder," replied the little man. "I stopped to have a cup of tea at the 'Red Lion' over the road. As I came out of that hostelry I happened to see—but that doesn't matter for the moment. Tell me, are you having some trouble here?"

The inspector explained the situation as briefly as possible. Chief Detective Inspector Walk turned to the manager, and there was the slightest trace of a twinkle in his eye as he asked:

"And the fellow who banked that thirty thousand with you gave his name as Silas Meagan of America?" and as the manager nodded his head, "And those two persons who took the flat above, can you describe what they were like?"

The bewildered Mr. Humphreys gave quite a vivid description. Detective Inspector Walk grinned widely.

"Davis? Hell!" he muttered. "Joe Lee and his paramour, Flash Kate."

Mr. Humphreys gasped. He wasn't at all sure what the little red-headed man was talking about, but he was sure he didn't like the name Flash Kate. Walk turned to the inspector:

"And I take it the fellow who drove away from here just now in a Rolls-Royce was the man who has been calling himself Silas Meagan?"

The Inspector looked towards the Bank Manager for confirmation—that man nodded his head.

"Ah!" muttered Walk. "Silas Meagan, eh? Well, let me tell you he's no American. His real name is Tim O'Brien—Slick Tim we call him. He is the brains partner of Joe Lee and Flash Kate. Hood-winked the lot of you down here, and has got away with a cool thirty thousand. Clever! You bet your sweet life Slick is clever, only this time I guess I'll get him. Mr. Humphreys, get your clerk to put a call through for me to Scotland Yard."

A puzzled expression came to the bank manager's face.

"But he isn't going to London," he said. "He is sailing for America."

A broad grin spread over Walk's face.

"That's what he told you, America? Why Slick wouldn't dare go to America, the police over there are simply itching to get their hands on him. No, Slick is making for London; we've got to get him before he can make his hide-out. Have you got that call through?" the last question to Parsons who came striding up.

"Yes, Inspector."

"Good. Might have come off if I hadn't stopped at the 'Red Lion' for that cup of tea," and Detective Inspector Walk made for the telephone.



"HUMPHREYS BLOWING GOODBYE—Cartoon from the 'Malbourne Argus'."

Would Commonwealth Cabinet Work?

SOMEONE started a clamour for an Imperial War Cabinet, and it has been taken up by many organs of the press both in Britain and in the overseas Empire.

On the surface, it is a project with much to recommend it. This is a war, not of Britain alone, aided by subordinate countries, but of a group of independent nations within the British Commonwealth, equal in status and therefore equally entitled to a voice in the higher conduct of the war. The Dominions, it is felt by many people in Britain, could bring a fresh outlook, new ideas, youthful energies to Whitehall. Moreover, the war is now being fought on terrain of vital geographical importance to the Dominions and India, in the Middle East and in Africa; and there are backdoors on the Pacific which are of equal moment to them. Surely then it is only right that they should have a full voice in the daily decisions on strategy and diplomacy which may determine their fate as nations.

So runs the argument, and very strong it seems. But its exponents usually forget two very important lessons, both of which

might be drawn from the experience of the Imperial War Cabinet in 1917 and 1918.

The Problem Of Personnel

In the first place, it proved very difficult to bring that Imperial War Cabinet together and to

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maintain it in being with anything near to continuity. There were two sessions in 1917, and it did not meet again until after the Armistice.

The more important the Dominion statesman, the more he was needed in his own country. As a series of *ad hoc* Imperial Conferences, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a success. As a Cabinet, it must be counted a failure.

This question of personnel is vital. It explains much of the present coolness of Dominion Governments towards proposals to revive the Imperial War Cabinet. An outstanding Dominion Premier, like General Smuts, on whom a great burden of national government falls, cannot forsake for long his post in his own country. If a Minister other than the Premier represents a Dominion on the Imperial War Cabinet, one of two things is likely to happen: either he becomes more powerful than the Prime Minister—an extremely dangerous political situation—or he becomes little more than a permanent quasi-diplomatic representative in London, unable to speak authoritatively without instructions or reference back. It is small wonder that the Dominions have been well content to be represented, for day-to-day consultations in Whitehall, by their High Commissioners, trained and trusted quasi-diplomats. The daily meetings of the Dominion High Commissioners in London with the Secretary of State

for Dominion Affairs constitute, in effect, a shadow Imperial Conference in permanent session.

The Problem Of Responsibility

In the second place, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a failure as a Cabinet, because the essence of Cabinet Government is the collective responsibility of the Cabinet as a whole. In war-time, when all effort is bent on the single goal of winning the war, this almost inevitably means subordinating individual ministerial responsibility to loyalty to a powerful Prime Minister like Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the British Commonwealth of Nations of Statute-of-Westminster days, these conditions of Cabinet Government cannot be fulfilled. There can be no collective responsibility because there is no supreme Parliament to which the collective body could be responsible. There are five separate and independent Parliaments. The personal domination of a single chairman, a kind of Prime Minister for the whole Empire, would be a denial of Dominion autonomy, not a tribute to it.

Those who demand an Imperial War Cabinet surely make the old mistake of trying to apply the methods of the last war to the winning of this one. On the contrary, the greatest merit of the British Commonwealth system is its flexibility, which enables it to be readily adapted to new circumstances. This war has already produced practical substitutes for the machinery of the Imperial War Cabinet. It has produced the Delhi Conference, the Dominions' Secretary's daily meetings with High Commissioners, the visits to London of Colonel Reitz and other Dominion Ministers a year ago, General Smuts' meeting with Mr. Eden in Khartoum, and many another piece of working machinery to meet known needs with commonsense solutions based on equality and adjustment.



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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Chest Firming Exercises

MOST figure flaws could be prevented if young girls would exercise regularly. During their formative years it is necessary to concentrate on excellent posture and to give muscles the workout they require to keep youthfully elastic. This is particularly true about the chest muscles. They should be exercised daily, if possible, so they will hold the bust high in normal, beautiful position, as it develops.

So much can be done to prevent a sagging, flat bustline during formative years and so little can be done to correct such a figure flaw once you mature.

As you know, a pleasing, feminine bustline is very dependent upon good posture, so from the moment you become figure conscious you should endeavour to stand erectly, walk with grace and sit and dance with attractive ease. Many schools teach this lesson and woe to the girl who does not benefit by it. When she reaches her figure maturity she will discover unlovely contours which will be difficult to correct.

If you are young, make it a practice to include two or three exercises in your daily routine which will beautify your bustline. The two following ones are offered through the courtesy of the famous New York Salon of



Dorothy Gray, where women go for figure remodeling and reconditioning. You will greatly benefit by these two exercises.

Figure 1

Stand erect, tummy tucked in, the hands in back against the but-

locks, fingers intertwined, palms turned upwards. Then turn the palms downwards still keeping fingers intertwined (as illustrated) but allowing the thumbs to extend freely.

Stretch arms out straight, elbows rigid, and raise them slowly upward to shoulder level being careful to let your head move backwards (not out) as the arms are raised. Do not let the body bend forward because the stretch on the chest muscles will then be lost.

Lower the arms, release the hands to the sides, relax and repeat. There should be a strong pull in the chest and arms with a squeezing of the back muscles.

Figure 2

Stand erect. Raise bent arms to shoulder level. Touch the fingers of one hand with the fingers of the other (as illustrated). Now slowly and steadily press the fingers together and then relax them. The pressure of one hand against the other should begin at the shoulder rather than in the fingers and the arms must be kept high as shoulder level! If done correctly you will feel a contraction of the pectoral muscles (those at the outer side of each bust, under the arm).

When this is done regularly it is most helpful in filling out neck hollows and in developing a pretty, firm bustline.

Gifts All Men Cherish

You needn't go beyond the cosmetic counter for gifts for male relatives and friends. Displayed there are brushes, toiletries and gadgets which all men adore. And these gifts are usually missed by women who rush to a men's department for inspiration.

Brushes, my dears, are always sure bets for pleasing men. Clothes brushes, shaving brushes, hair brushes, nail and tooth brushes (in cases for travelling) and bath brushes. And if you allow time for a burned-in monogram your gift will be doubly cherished, for the ego of man is flattered by a monogram!

Aids in Leather

Another gift winner is a leather toiletries case, either bare of fittings, or intelligently fitted. When buying one of these you should consider your man's habits. If he has a few favoured implements of grooming and scorns those which come in a fitted case by all means, buy him an oilskin-lined, leather case large enough to accommodate his favoured aids. But if he likes to have a "travelling set" of aids, you will be a wise lady if you buy a fitted case not too large or too weighed down with unnecessary toiletries and (this is important) with enough free space to throw in two or three indispensable! You will find several such cases this season which merit hurrahs for intelligent designing on the part of the firms which offer them. I would include in suggestions a pocket comb and nail file in an English pigskin case, a new shaving brush in a self-draining holder (which adds to the life and service of the brush), a folding, compact manicure and pedicure set. Such a set includes sturdy scissors for toe nails, and nippers for cuticle—two aids all men find essential. It pays to get a good nail set for it receives hard usage throughout the year which requires well made scissors, nippers and files.

Toiletries Always**Welcome**

Combination sets of shaving and personal grooming aids are out in

all their splendour—and men like them. You must, of course, know if a man uses an electric shaver or a razor in order to select the most appropriate combination. From a consensus the favourite scents are pine, old English lavender or a woody fragrance. Any cosmetic which borders on a floral perfume is usually disliked, so do sniff before buying any soap, after shave lotion, or cologne.

Deodorants and colognes have become established aids to masculine grooming, so if a set includes one or both of these don't hesitate to purchase it. Once a man has either handy he will use it—and too many men neglect to take the precaution of using a deodorant before a dancing evening. Women don't expect them to take this precaution before a day of exercise, but we do want them to realise that it becomes a social requisite when we dance with them!

Protect Child's Teeth

PROPER diet is one of the best aids to good teeth. Right foods go a long way in preventing decay and intelligent mothers should learn which are the right foods.

Dr. Julian Boyd and his associate, the late Dr. Charles Drain, observed for many years that in children under strict dietary control in a children's hospital, dental caries (tooth decay) was arrested within a few months. Extension or limitation of tooth decay could be prevented and active decay arrested through the continued ingestion of good diets.

These research physicians recommended a diet consisting chiefly of dairy products, fresh vegetables and fruits, some certain source of Vitamin D, and but few highly refined foods, in order to insure dietary essentials.

For the average child of 5 to 10 years this list of foods was suggested: one quart of milk per day, at least one egg, one serving of meat, fish, chicken or liver; two fresh vegetables, steamed cooked; one orange, apple or tomato, and one additional fruit, two tablespoons of butter. A diet which included these foods was

found to build up the general health of the children and to arrest the progress of tooth decay in from two to three months.

Even Teen Age Must Be Careful

Tooth decay is apt to increase during the teen ages and apparently the need for protective foods is greater during this period of rapid growth. Milk is the most economical and best food on which to base an adequate diet, as it contains an abundance of protective factors necessary for sound teeth and good health. Every girl and boy of teen age should drink at least one quart of the best grade milk every day, if not allergic to it. They should also eat many fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese, nuts, honey, meat, every other day, fish on low intervention days. They should absolutely refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol, even though they do consider themselves "grown up." Good health in their mature years when good health is appreciated, will be their reward for sensible living.

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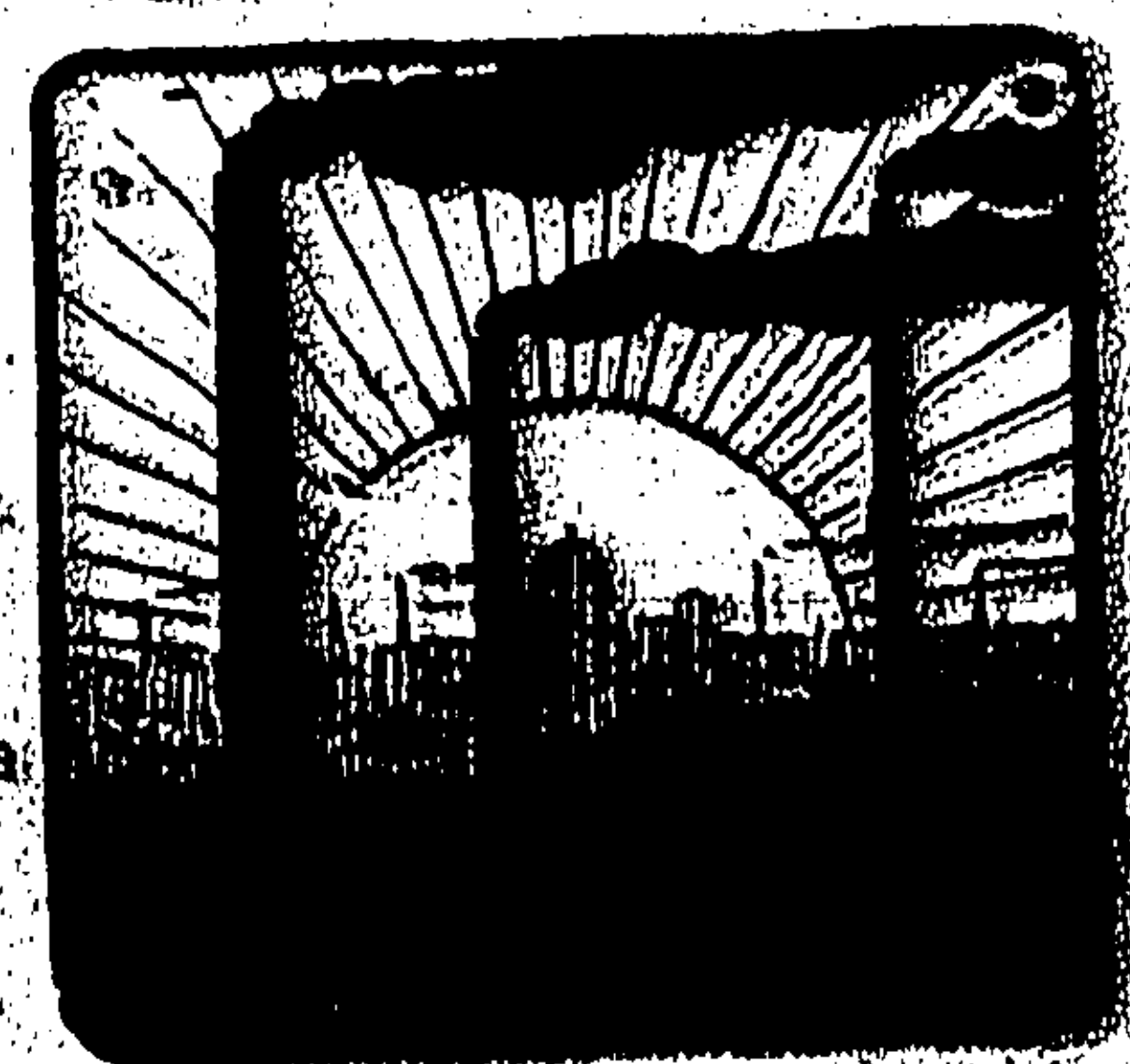
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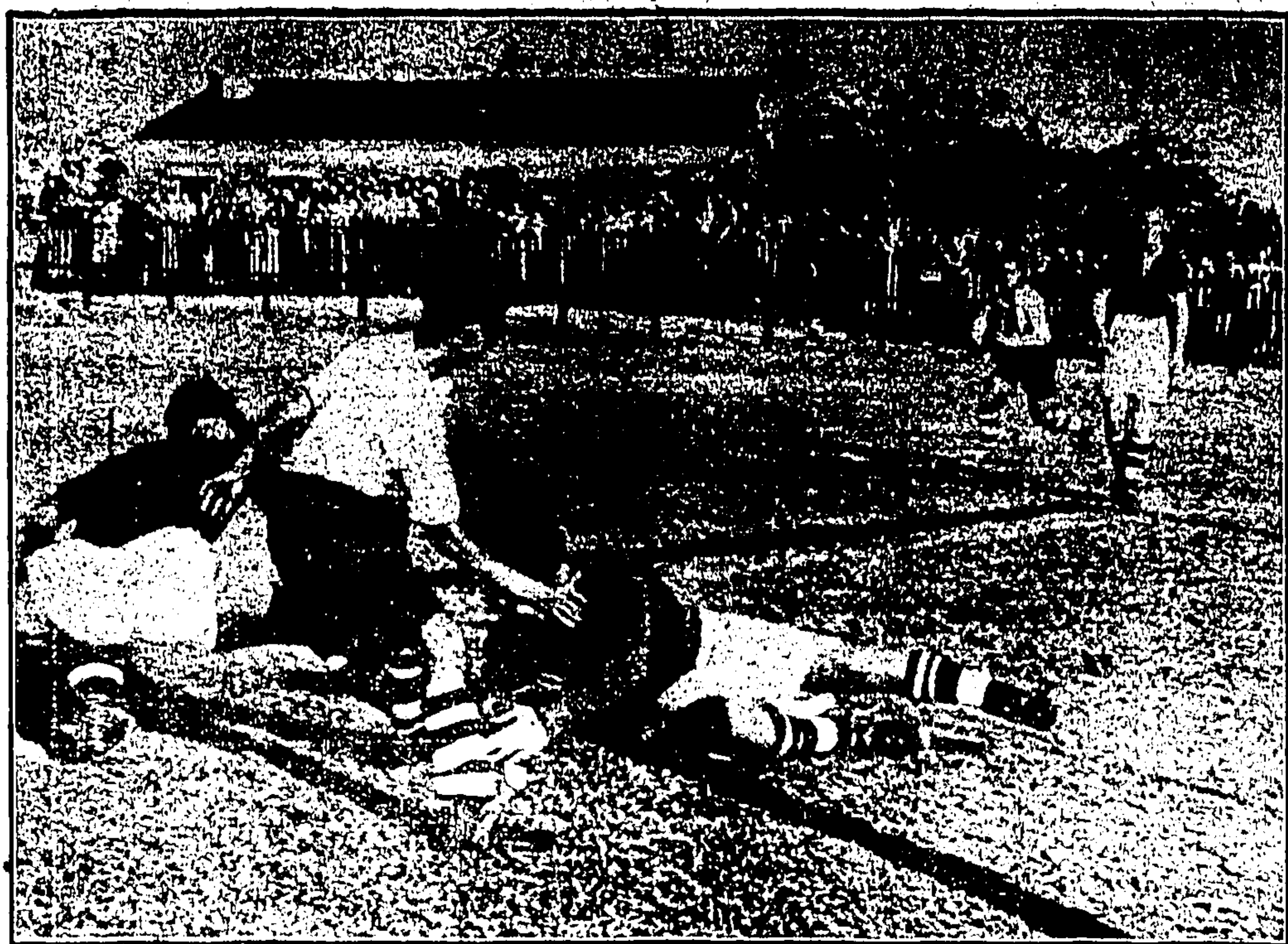
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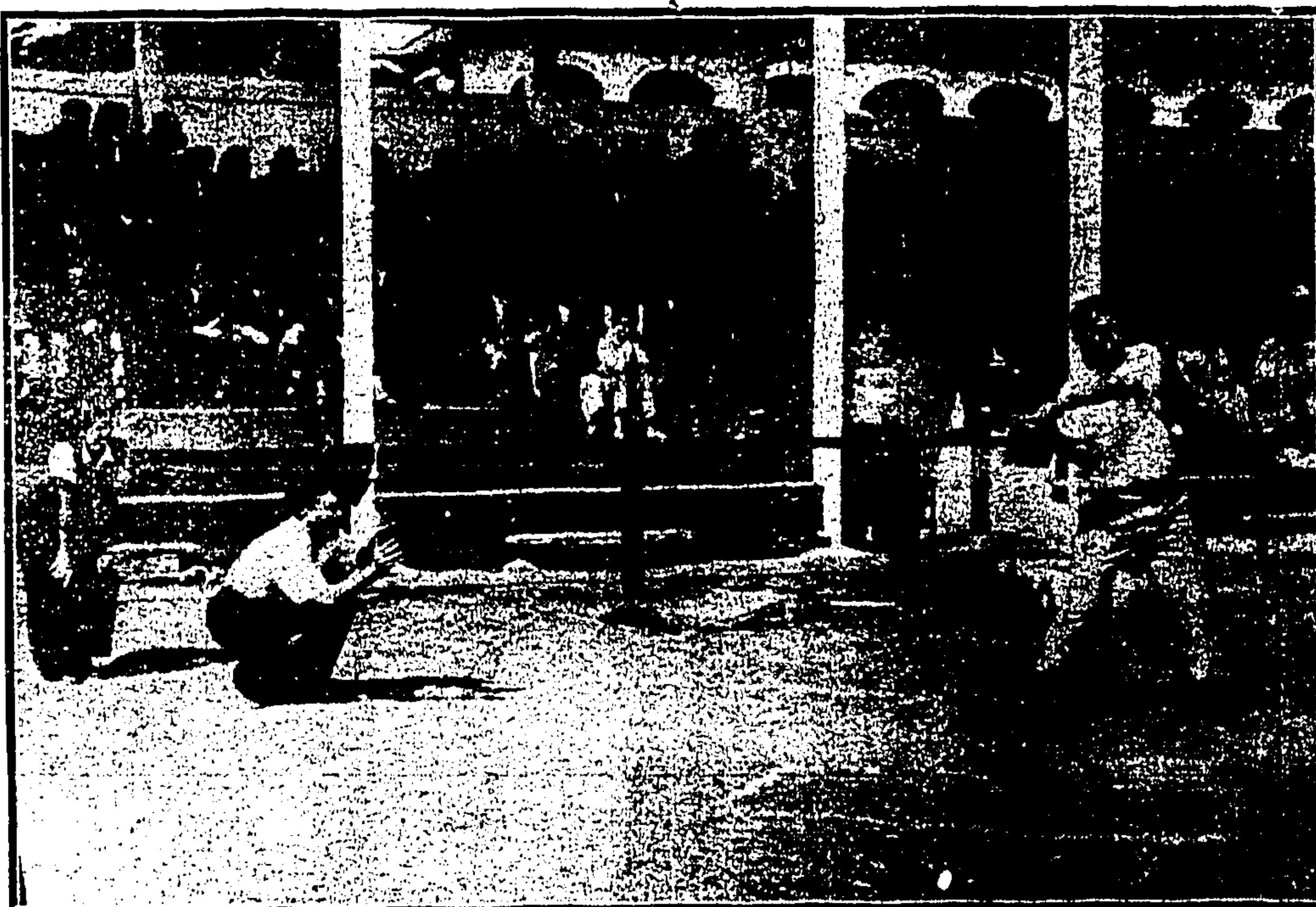
A tense moment during the Boxing Day charity match for the "Sunday Herald" Cup, in which England beat Portugal. Robinson, England's goalkeeper, on the ground, in a tight corner.



The winning 400-metres relay team from St. Francis School at the S.C.A.A. sports meet on Sunday.



V. H. W. Chittenden swings to a low one in the charity softball match between the "Over Forties" and the "Under Forties" at the K.F.C. on Boxing Day.



C. Dowman letting fly at the Boxing Day softball match held at the K.F.C.



LONDON CARRIES ON—Hedtic street salesmanship continues as of old; there are still the old familiar sights, sounds and smells—with a few additional ones. Lambeth Walk takes bomb damage in its stride.



A Berlin building shattered and gutted by fire, resulting from an R.A.F. bomb. This is counted by the R.A.F. as a "miss" for military objectives only were aimed at, but on the night of the raid conditions were extremely difficult. But there is no margin for error when German planes raid London; for every wrecked dwelling place or shop is claimed as a military objective successfully attacked.



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Seaport At Bremen Turned Into Raging Furnace

Invasion Ports Given Severe Strafing

Flashes and flares in the sky and muffled explosions from the direction of the French coast last night indicated that R.A.F. bombers had braved icy weather conditions in the Straits of Dover to again attack German invasion ports.

Many searchlights between Calais and Boulogne probed the heavy banks of low clouds.—Reuter.

Twenty Thousand Incendiary Bombs Dropped By R.A.F.

TWENTY THOUSAND INCENDIARIES AND A LOAD OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES WERE DROPPED ON BREMEN DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIERCE BOMBING RAID BY THE R.A.F., WHICH TURNED THE GREATEST SEAPORT IN GERMANY AFTER HAMBURG INTO A RAGING FURNACE.

As a long procession of aircraft of the Bomber Command reached the Zuyder Zee, on their way to follow up the first attacks, they could see a red glow in the sky over Bremen, although still 120 miles from their target.

Smoke from fires reached as high as the clouds and mingled with them, and some pilots found targets they had been detailed to attack so thoroughly ablaze that rather than waste bombs on buildings already gutted, they sought other factories and dockyards in the city.

It was an intensely cold and clear night, says an Air Ministry news bulletin, and a young moon clearly lit up the targets, chief of which were the great

shipbuilding yards in which warships of all kinds, and especially submarines, are under construction;

The Deutsche vacuum oil refineries, railway communications, warehouses, rice and starch mills, and the Focke-Wulf air frame factory.

To defend Bremen the Germans used all the ground defences they could muster and

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U.S. MARINES DEMAND APOLOGY

DEMAND FOR A FULL APOLOGY BY THE JAPANESE FOR AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN PEIPING ON MONDAY, WHEN SOME UNITED STATES MARINES WERE DETAINED BY JAPANESE POLICE, IS BEING MADE BY COLONEL A. H. TURNAGE, COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE GUARDS IN PEIPING.

It is alleged that four of the Americans were beaten during their detention and two were forced to sign a confession of guilt.

SLIGHT NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Very slight enemy air action yesterday was confined to coastal districts.

An Air Ministry communique states that little damage and only minor casualties were caused by bombs which were dropped in a town in Kent.

Reports received since the morning communique, it is added, show that a small number of persons was killed when a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in a town in the West of England shortly before dawn.—Reuter.

HISTORIC Y.M.C.A. ROOM GUTTED

Among premises destroyed by fires started on Sunday night by showers of incendiaries which fell on the City of London is the historic room which saw the birth of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Named after the founder, the late Sir George Williams, who came to London in 1841 to become a drapery assistant, the room was situated in a house in St. Paul's Churchyard. Together with seven

Col. Turnage is also demanding the punishment of the Japanese gendarmes and officers concerned in the arrests and an assurance that similar acts will not recur in future.

Failing such an assurance, he adds, the incident cannot be regarded as closed.

The trouble giving rise to the American demand occurred in a cabaret in Peiping when, it is alleged, a Japanese civilian attempted to pick a quarrel with one of a party of American guards at whom he pointed a revolver.

Japanese Disarmed

The Japanese was disarmed by American Marines and later the place was surrounded by Japanese gendarmes, who arrested the whole party of Americans and detained them.

The Commandant of Marines made repeated applications for their release which, however, only took place 17 hours later.

The Japanese authorities then declared the incident to be closed, but the Commandant disagreed, demanding a full apology and reported the incident to Washington.

Two American Marines are alleged to have been forced to sign a confession of fault during their detention by the Japanese.—Reuter.

other buildings it was burned to ashes.—British Wireless.

MAGNETIC MINES IN IRELAND

The fact that magnetic mines were dropped on the coast of Ireland was revealed last night by the Eirean Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Department of Defence.

The announcement says "Magnetic sea mines dropped by parachute from aircraft this morning at Glen Cormack and Endiskerry will be destroyed by Army engineers to-morrow."

It warns occupants of houses within the danger radius to take precautions against an explosion.—Reuter.

FOUR INJURED IN STRUGGLE

Four persons, including a 58-year-old woman and a two-year-old girl, were injured by an intruder in West Point early yesterday morning.

The alleged assailant was arrested and the wounded have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The inmates of the second floor of No. 145, Third Street, were roused shortly before 3 a.m. by the entrance of the intruder, who was challenged by the principal tenant, Yung Fu.

A struggle followed, during which the man slashed out wildly. The neighbourhood was aroused by the shouts and police whistles were blown, resulting in the arrest by an Indian constable of the alleged assailant as he was attempting to escape down the street.

Those admitted to hospital were the principal tenant, his wife and 58-year-old sister, and his two-year-old daughter. The elder woman received 11 deep wounds.

VALONA REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

There is as yet no official confirmation in London of reports that the Italians are preparing to evacuate the port of Valona.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold processes. Three separate partitions in the main body divide three types of food, as butter, milk and berries, for example, from each other. The second compartment is designed to generate cold for cooked meats, fish, vegetables, and fruits. The original flavouring and vitamins are preserved. The third compartment is powerful enough to freeze quickly frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely, usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance in the new refrigerator is the new steam door. On the first door, which is in shelves to hold food, is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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CONTROL SURRENDERED

Meaning Of Arrival Of Nazi Air Force In Italy

SABOTAGE IN BARRACKS: SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT

Barracks occupied by the Italian garrison at the frontier town of Mostmau (on the route from Trieste to Ljubljani, Yugoslavia) have been set on fire, says a message from the Italian frontier this morning.

Four civilians have been arrested on suspicion of sabotage and the entire garrison is under strict observation.—Reuter.

Mussolini Forced To Accept

ANNOUNCEMENT OF the presence of a contingent of the German air force in Italy means that to a greater or lesser degree Mussolini has surrendered control over his air force to Germany, in the view of well-informed air circles in London yesterday.

The news has not come altogether as a surprise. The extent of the surrender of control will be proportionate to the measure of assistance Mussolini has been forced to accept.

It is well-known that Mussolini has always been most reluctant to accept such German "support."

If it comes to attempting to explain the matter away, the Italians will probably try to suggest it is merely a quid pro quo in return for assistance given by Italy to Germany by sending some Italian planes to Belgium for attacks on Britain.

In this connection it is interesting to note that another announcement yesterday disclosed that these Italian units are now being withdrawn.

One apparent incongruity stands out in the announcement.

At the beginning it refers to "the arrival in Italy of some sections of the German air force". Later a reference is made to the forces being considered as "a big Italian unit."

Breaking It Gently

In other words, it looks as if an effort is being made to break the news gently to the Italian public and prepare them for the presence of large German air strength on Italian soil.

But whatever it may be "considered," the unit will, in fact, certainly not be under Italian control.—Reuter.

ANTI-NAZI FRONT IN INDIA

THE FORMATION OF A NON-PARTY ORGANISATION, DEFINITELY PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-NAZI FRONT AND TO ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT, WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALL-INDIA CONFERENCE IN CALCUTTA PRESIDED OVER BY MR. ROY, FORMER PROMINENT COMMUNIST AND NOW LEADER OF THE RADICAL-DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The conference considered there must be a rapid development of the war resources of the country and to that end emergency ministries should be set up in the provinces.

It was decided to formulate a programme for consideration by an All-India Convention to be called at Delhi.—Reuter.

INCIDENTS

A Thailand plane machine-gunned Napakasoum on Christmas Day and the following day, and another Thailand plane flew over and machine-gunned Pakse. This was announced in Hanoi yesterday from headquarters of Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China.—Reuter.

ers will remain in the Channel as a link "testifying to the continuance of solidarity between Italian and German aviation."—Reuter.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN REICH

Facts regarding labour wartime conditions in Germany, revealed in London yesterday by a Ministry of Economic Warfare official, show that despite its dictatorial powers the Nazi Government has not been able to achieve 100 per cent. control of workers' movement and to use all skilled labour.

Wages are fixed and it is illegal for employers to pay more, but according to information received in London a tremendous amount of overtime is being worked. Hours in factories vary between 10 and 12 daily and the Government has been compelled to make concessions concerning overtime pay.

Main Problem

One of Germany's main problems will be transport and distribution, and with the effects of the British blockade, there may soon be a shortage of vital products and supplies.

As a result of R.A.F. activities there has been a lot of damage to transport and distribution.

It is understood Germany has added three million to its labour forces since the war, or 10 per cent above pre-war figures.

They consist of one million foreigners, a million prisoners of war engaged on civil work and a million old workers who had retired or who were not in the usual way available.

Total number of women employed is now 300,000 more than at the beginning of the war.—Reuter.

MEAT RATION CUT

A reduction in the meat ration was announced last evening by the Ministry of Food.

From next Monday the ration, which at present is 1s. 10d. worth of meat per head per week, will be reduced to 1s. 8d.

It is also announced that from that date pork and most offals will be included in the ration.—British Wireless.



Picture taken during a tank hunting exercise in Britain by the Royal Fusiliers. In it, the tank is seen being engaged while the enemy advance scout has been attacked on his motor cycle and put out of action.

CITY SHAKES TO DYNAMITE

London yesterday afternoon heard a new kind of "war-noise" — that of exploding dynamite, as demolition squads of the Royal Engineers set about clearing up the damaged portions of the City of London, as a result of Sunday night's raid.

In many cases, they used ropes but occasionally dynamite was necessary.

Working alongside them with pick and shovel were 1,000 men of the Pioneer Corps, clearing up the roads.

The danger from falling buildings was so great in some areas that the police were on duty all day to ensure that only those with official permits entered those areas.

In a few days, except for empty sites where churches and famous old buildings once stood, the City will have regained much of its former aspect.—Reuter.

RAIDS ON BARDIA

R.A.F. raids on Bardia and Derna and aerodromes at Timi and GAZALA were announced in a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday.

All bombs at Bardia burst in the target area but details of damage were not observed.

In Italian East Africa a Rhodesian squadron destroyed a number of buildings near Sabderat, while other aircraft of the same squadron made a dive attack on enemy positions at Keru, 50 miles east-north-east of Kassa, destroying motor transport vehicles, starting a very large fire and silencing several A.A. guns.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

BUILDING SHIPS FOR EMPIRE

Empire ship building yards, by providing new tonnage, are helping Britain to defeat the U-Boat menace.

Canada, which before the war had about 1,250,000 tons on its shipping registry, has launched new vessels from yards at Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax. A large number of merchant ships are now on the stocks and it was announced recently that Canada is to build 18 large merchant vessels for the British Government.

There are some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion and even before the war about 4,000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938 repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000.

Although South Africa has no real shipbuilding industry, large scale repairs can be carried out at Durban where there is a well-equipped repairing yard and dry-dock.

New Yard

Australia built only a small number of vessels before the war but has since greatly enlarged her shipbuilding industry. A yard is to be established at Whyalla, South Australia, to build merchant ships up to 12,000 tons, and Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Navy Minister, has declared shipbuilding must become one of the great national industries of Australia.

The Commonwealth has yards at Morts Dock in Sydney and Williamstown Dockyard near Melbourne. Orders amounting to £250,000 for engines and machinery have been placed in Queensland.—British Wireless.

KUNMING AIR ALARM

After a fortnight of quiet the air raid alarm sounded in Kunming and 1.10 yesterday afternoon.

Twelve bombers raided the air field and another formation of eight planes attacked the power station at Shihlungpan shortly afterwards.

The all clear sounded at 1.20.—Reuter.

ITALY ADMITS PLIGHT

Italy has now been obliged to admit her plight and has accepted Nazi help in the air. Not only has Italy withdrawn her bettered squadrons from the "Battle for Britain" but Rome Radio now says that sections of the German air force have come to Italy to help in the Mediterranean.

An official statement issued through the Italian news agency says that on the occasion of the arrival in Italy of sections of the Luftwaffe, General Piccolo, Chief of the Italian Air Staff, issued an order-of-the-day saying that the German air contingent will take part in the naval and air struggle in the Mediterranean "where the enemy is concentrating its forces."

Italy's urgent need for help is shown by her heavy losses.

The Italians made only two raids on their own on Britain

and both proved to be disastrous. On November 11, the R.A.F. shot down 13 Italian bombers and fighters over the mouth of the Thames, and 12 days later brought down seven Italian fighters in the Straits of Dover.

In the Mediterranean, up to December 26, 416 Italian planes had been destroyed in the air and a considerably larger quantity on the ground.

During this time, the R.A.F. lost only 75 planes.

TROPHY CONFERRED

An Italian news agency message confirms that the remnants of the Italian air contingent which have been operating with the Luftwaffe against Britain had been withdrawn.

This news is contained in an announcement that General Kesselring, commander of the German air force in the West, has conferred the adlerschild (eagle shield) trophy, which he himself created, on the Italian corps.

The award, according to the agency, was bestowed on the occasion of the "repatriation" of the Italian corps, to whom Commander Kesselring wrote a letter of appreciation for their effective collaboration in the fight. Only one group of Italian fighters

NAZIS DROP BOMBS ON SIX AREAS IN EIRE

ORDERED TO LEAVE PORTUGAL

W. Lucas, for many years London "Times" correspondent in Portugal, has been ordered to leave the country within 48 hours on account of an article written by him in an American review.

In the article Mr. Lucas alleged German influence existed in Portugal.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S FIGHT

THE BELGIAN ARMY IS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AT THE SIDE OF HER BRITISH FRIENDS AND ALLIES UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY, WHICH WILL LIBERATE BELGIUM AND KING LEOPOLD.

M. Gutt, Belgian Minister of Defence thus replies to New Year greetings sent to officers and men of the Belgian Army by Captain Margesson, the new British Secretary for War, on behalf of the Army Council.—Reuter.

Three Women Among Those Killed

MORE BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON EIRE TERRITORY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING; HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS DROPPED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT KILLED AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A NUMBER OF BRITISH PEOPLE.

One incendiary bomb picked up was identified as German. Other bombs have been collected and are being examined by experts.

A statement by the Eire Government Information Bureau reporting these bombings lists six areas in the eastern counties of Eire where bombs were dropped and recorded the death of three women, two persons seriously injured and a number injured.

"On Curragh racecourse," says the official statement, "three high explosive bombs were dropped and a large number of incendiary bombs were also dropped in this area."

"An incendiary bomb picked up near Curragh was identified as German."

The statement adds that the first bombs fell near Drogheda, five at Duleek and three at Julianstown. There were no casualties.

Dublin Damage

At 6.10 in the morning two bombs were dropped at Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin. Two

houses were demolished and several houses damaged.

Seven persons were trapped in demolished houses but were later rescued. Several were injured.

Two other bombs were dropped in Fortfield Road and the Laverna Grove area of the same district. Some houses were damaged but there were no casualties.

At Knockree, near Borris, County Carlow, bombs were also dropped. Three women were killed and two men very seriously injured.

Bombs were also dropped in Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue (County Wicklow) district. Some of these have been collected and are being examined by experts.—Reuter.

MILITARY REGIME IN RUMANIA

What amounts to a military regime has been organised by General Antonescu in Rumania during the past few days, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent states that this Army Government appears to be superseding the former "Legionary State."

The correspondent bases his information on reports from responsible persons in Bucharest.

Police, railways, posts and telegraphs, and even the National Bank, have been placed under military jurisdiction, with the secret assent of the Germans, who at General Antonescu's request have sent further troops to Rumania.

The correspondent adds that in Rumanian political circles it is considered that the present movements of German troops do not reach the high figures quoted abroad.

They simply consist of a new German division which will take several days to transport.—Reuter.

DEATH PENALTY FOR TRAITORS

Traitors or spies will earn the death penalty if caught in Australia, declared Mr. William Hughes, Attorney-General and Navy Minister, in an interview in Canberra yesterday.

Mr. Hughes added: "If any traitor believes that a term of imprisonment will follow his detection, he is very much mistaken."—Reuter.

VISIT TO A.I.F.

The Australian Army Minister, Col. Spender, and the Chief of the Australian General Staff, Lt.-Gen. Sturdee, have arrived in Palestine from Australia on a visit of inspection to the Australian Imperial Force.—Reuter.

SERIOUS INTERNAL FRICTION IN RUMANIA

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Rumanian Frontier).

THE UNHEALTHY internal situation in Rumania — in which Communists and other Left Wing elements are coming into conflict with the Iron Guard — is the main reason for drafting more German troops into the country.

Such is the gist of reliable information obtained from Germany, from neighbouring Balkan capitals and from Bucharest itself.

Germany has not sent anything like 250,000 troops into Rumania, as reported in some quarters. Allowing for replacements, the total strength of Nazi effectives is believed to be about three divisions.

Much of the sealed rail traffic passing through consists of wagons with armaments, which are being sent to pay for Rumanian oil.

Berlin apparently believes three divisions are necessary to prevent sabotage of Nazi economic interests in Rumania and to smother the increasing agitation against the Nazi-supported Antonescu regime on the part of Communists and other opposition elements.

Fundamental Conflict

Underlying the whole situation is a fundamental conflict between Iron Guard and Communist ideologies.

Developing of the anti-Communist campaign of the Iron Guard has led to a Note from

the Soviet Minister demanding its cessation.

Soviet circles in the Balkans believe the new German Minister to Rumania, Baron von Kilinger, is about to reorganise the Gestapo's control of Rumania, using Iron Guard men as an instrument against Communists.

An inquiry among a leading Bucharest paper among its correspondents in many towns and villages has shown that the urban working classes are already under Communist influence.

Peasants Aloof

The peasants are standing aloof from the Legionary regime and are in a highly dangerous mood.

From this it is evident that if Germany attempts to get Rumania to march by her side in any adventurous policy there will be a violent reaction from many Rumanians.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN MADRID

RADIO LYONS YESTERDAY BROADCAST A STATEMENT BY REAR-ADMIRAL LEAHY, NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, ON THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR FRANCE.

The broadcast quoted him as saying that his Government had sent the cruiser Tuscaloosa in order to bring him to Europe.

This gave a clear picture of the importance which the United States attributed to its representation in France.

The Government and people of the United States, Rear-Admiral Leahy is quoted as saying, have the greatest sympathy and admiration for France's culture and history, and hoped that France would emerge with a prestige, dignity and greatness worthy of her.

Radio said that Rear-Admiral Leahy has now reached Madrid on his way through to Vichy.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, YESTERDAY GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING GIFTS RECEIVED:—

A total of £7,500 from the "Times of Ceylon Spitfire Fund," which has now contributed about £80,000.

The Maharajah of Mysore has sent £37,500 for planes. A gift of £5,000 has been received from the BEC Staff for the purchase of a Spitfire to be named "Aerial."

The Maharajah of Mysore has also sent £7,500 for the London air-raid relief fund, together with a graceful tribute to the fortitude of the victims.—Reuter.

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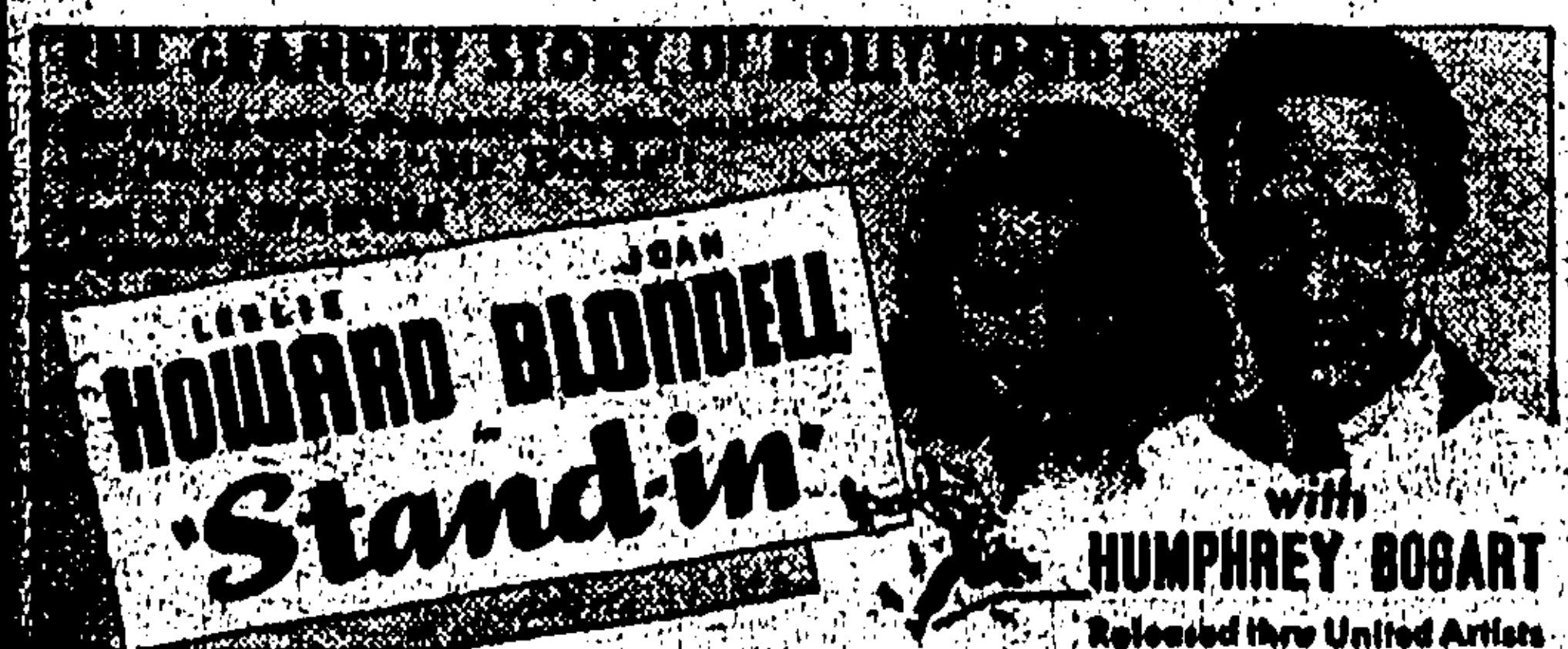
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PLANNING BRITAIN'S EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR

BRITAIN IS DETERMINED to continue her educational reforms when the war is over, Mr. H. Ramsbottom, President of the Board of Education, told a conference of school-teachers yesterday.

Immediately after the war is over, the school-leaving age will be raised from 14 to 15 in accordance with the Education Act of 1936.

The Board would aim at compulsory education up to the age of 15, but various courses of teaching would have to be devised to suit the capacities of the children.

He assured the school-teachers that the mistake made after the last war would not be repeated. There will then be great changes in the social and economic life of the country, changes which will have a profound effect on children between the ages of 14 and 16. Now was the time to lay down plans for far-reaching reforms in education for children between the ages of 11 and 18.

The Board of Education was giving careful thought to this problem.

Speaking of the difficulties education was experiencing in wartime, he said that in many places school buildings had been severely damaged by bombs, while in other the buildings had been taken over for civil defence purposes.

On the whole, however, education was bearing the strain remarkably well. — Reuter.

FANTASTIC GERMAN CLAIMS

A statement that the German navy and air force sank 190,000 tons of British warships during the second half of 1940 is made in the report of the Nazi High Command on war operations in that period.

It declares the German Navy sank 12 destroyers, eight submarines, nine auxiliary cruisers, three gunboats and 63 small war vessels, while the air force sank 33 naval units.

Losses of British shipping are stated to amount to 3,900,000 tons and at least 264 merchant-ships have been damaged with a tonnage of over 2,000,000.

The report lists over 130 large-scale air attacks and 1,350 others, and states that since June 26 the enemy lost three times as many machines as the Luftwaffe.

It continues that the ratio of bombs dropped on Germany to those dropped on the British Isles is one to 25.

"Damage to military targets and targets of military importance is slight." — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The New Year started in cheerful fashion on the London Stock Exchange and some sections showed signs of expansion of interest. Gilt-edged were firm, and War Loan 3½ per cent reached 1's wartime peak at 103-3/16. Indian stocks were also bought, owing to their favourable yields. Among home industrial breweries were higher but textiles moved against holders. Oils were firm under the lead of Shell Transport. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS IN CALCUTTA

The question of providing for the safety of important buildings in Calcutta and surrounding industrial areas against possible air raids is engaging the attention of the Bengal Government, states Reuter.

CHINESE GUERRILLA SUCCESSES

The Chinese have attacked with considerable success Japanese lines of communication in Shanse and Hopeh, says Moscow Radio.

These lines of communication supply Japanese garrisons in these provinces, and were recently greatly strengthened.

According to Moscow Radio, the attacking Chinese troops were followed by a large number of civilians who picked up war material — notably railway lines — and carried them a long distance into the interior to disperse them where the metal will be used for munitions.

Moscow Radio says that \$2,000,000 worth of steel was transported in this manner.

Chinese irregulars not only destroyed 70 bridges and 230 miles of railway track, but have also recaptured considerable areas in Shanse province. — Reuter.

BARDIA GARRISON QUIESCENT

Guns captured in the battle for Sidi Barrani and during the advance into Libya total 329, including 20 heavy and 48 light A.A. guns, states yesterday's communique from Britain G.H.Q. in Cairo.

The communique also states that the Italian garrison in Bardia shows no signs of activity and is allowing the British forces to continue their preparations and concentrations without any interference.

There is no change in the situation on other fronts. — Reuter.

SOVIET GENERAL RELIEVED OF POST

General Shadanko, Soviet Deputy Commissar of Defence, has been relieved of his post, it is announced in Moscow. — Reuter.

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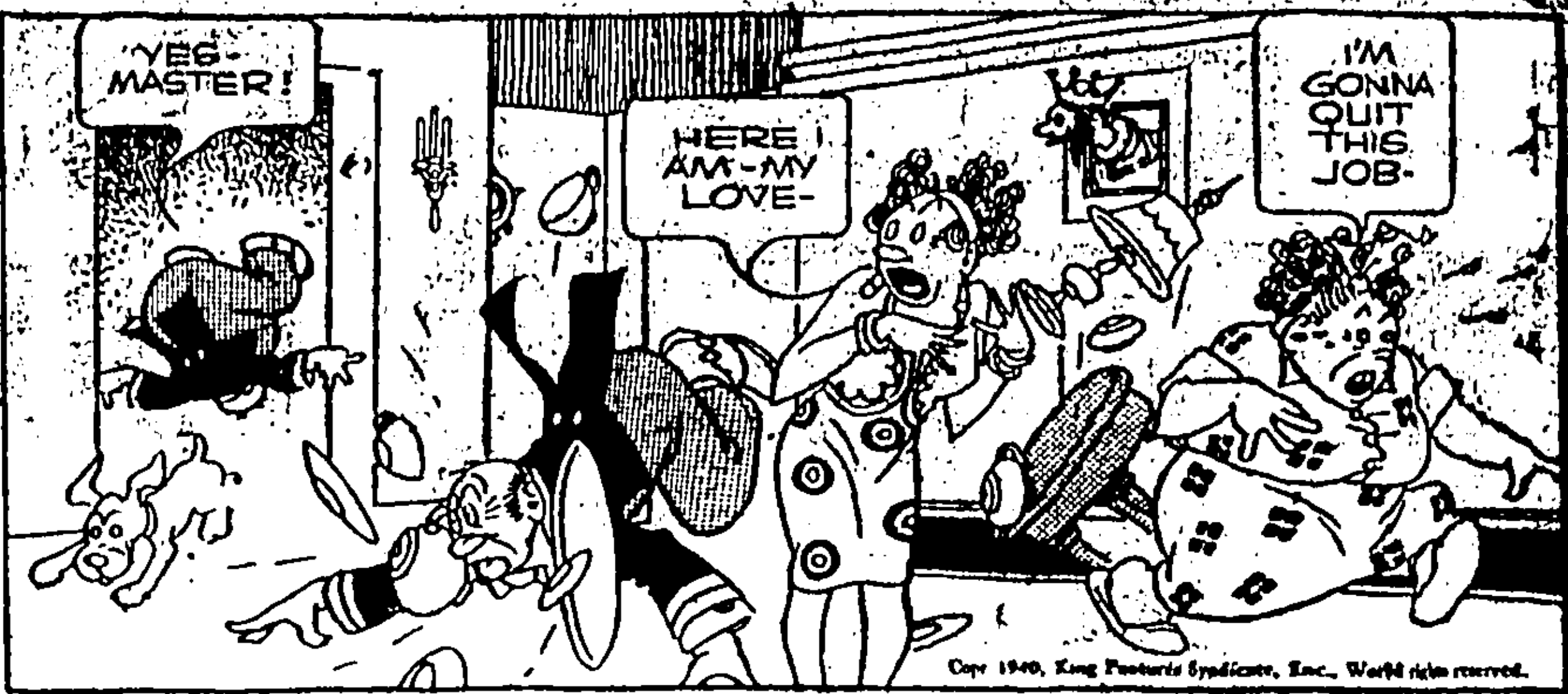
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(By A Special Correspondent)

GINGER TAYLOR, the man who was cheered by Parkhurst Prison convicts when he was released after serving twelve years as a reprieved murderer, told me that he now had three aims: To trace his three children and give them a home — his wife died when he was in prison; to prove his innocence; to serve his country.

Percival Leonard Taylor, now thirty-six, was one of three men convicted of the murder of a Brighton chemist in 1928, and was reprieved at the last minute, his sentence being commuted to penal servitude for life. He and the other men swore they were innocent.

His release came after serving twelve years. And in that time he had become the most popular man in the prison. He captained one of the football teams and played for the chess team. He was a model prisoner, and won every possible remission mark.

And three years ago he knocked a further year off his sentence by an act of bravery.

He stopped a runaway horse outside the prison gates and saved the lives of three children who were playing nearby. He was badly injured.

On the eve of his release a football match was arranged in his honour. As he left the prison hall for the last time, prisoners and staff raised three cheers of good luck for the man they all called Ginger. But in those twelve years his wife died. And his three children — only one of whom, a boy now aged seventeen, knew his father was a convict — were cared for by a charitable institution.

"I Want To Help"

Said Taylor: "Often, in prison, I wanted to write to my children. But I couldn't bring myself to do it."

"Now I must trace them. And when I have found them I intend to set up a home and let them enjoy some of the comforts they have missed during the years I have been in prison."

Then he said: "Every one of those years seemed like five. Sometimes I thought I would lose my reason."

"Only the thought that I was innocent and that one day I would prove it to the world, kept me sane. And now I will do all I can to prove it."

"I bear no resentment to anybody, although I'm certain the shock of the charge killed my wife."

"I have learned carpentry in prison and I want to help in my country's war effort."

Taylor went back to Brighton. His mother, Mrs. John Mosey, she has been married twice — wept with joy when she met him on the station platform.

"Seems So Long"

She told me: "I cannot believe that he has returned to me. It seems so long since that day when I went to prison to bid him goodbye."

"It was the day before he was to be hanged and I shall never forget it. My boy was calm and brave. He told me even then that he felt that one day he would be able to prove his innocence. The reprieve came at the last minute."

Taylor saw for the first time his two step-sisters and a step-brother. Said step-brother John, aged nine: "I am going to help him prove his innocence. He seems a straight guy to me."

Mr. Harry Cowley, a Brighton chimney sweep, also met Taylor. Mr. Cowley organised a petition to the Home Secretary and spent his savings searching for evidence to prove the innocence of the three convicted men.

"I did not know the men before their trial, but I was in court when they were convicted. I was convinced on the evidence that they were all innocent," Mr. Cowley said.

GERMAN HANGED FOR THEM

A man was executed in Berlin for snatching a handbag from a woman during the black-out, says the Berlin wireless.

100 N.O. SCORE BY SQUADRON

Like a cricket score reads the record, officially revealed, of a British fighter squadron which in one day shot down thirteen Nazi planes and damaged seven others, and has now bagged its 100th enemy aircraft.

News of the 100th victim — a Junkers 88 bomber — was brought back to this Yorkshire Auxiliary Air Force Squadron by two Spitfire pilots, who, sighting the bomber over the South Coast, attacked and sent it plunging earthward. The squadron has fought with distinction in all the important phases of the air war.

Twenty In A Day

Over the beaches of Dunkirk nine of the squadron's Spitfires shot down in one day four German bombers and two Messerschmitt 109 fighters.

Later they helped to foil the German attempt to gain control

of the Channel — flying protective patrols over convoys and helping to fling back Goering's mass attacks.

One of their most successful days was in August when, within the space of a few minutes, near Portland, they shot down nine Junkers. 87 dive bombers and four Messerschmitt 109s as well as damaging another seven of the enemy. This big victory was achieved without loss to themselves.

In the following two days they added eight more to the bag.

During the first big raid on London the squadron was in the thick of the dog fighting. The pilots shot down two Messerschmitt 110s, a Dornier 17 and a Messerschmitt 109 — again without loss to themselves.

PLANS FOR H.K. SANATORIUM

PROPOSALS FOR THE establishment of a sanatorium for tuberculosis victims by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association were discussed at some length at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association held last week.

The scheme has already been approved in principle, and the suitability of three buildings offered to the Association was discussed. It was decided finally to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Miss Ruby Mow Fung (Convener), the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Dr. T. P. Wu and Dr. N. C. Macleod, to inspect a house in Shouson Hill, available for renting at \$150 a month or for purchase at \$30,000.

The sub-committee was instructed to draw up a detailed report for submission to the Finance and Scientific Sub-Committee and it was agreed that if the house were considered suitable it should be leased in the first instance with option to purchase in twelve months.

There followed discussion on the Association's financial policy — "to be or not to be" in debt being the question, and the Committee generally favoured a bold policy. The issue was referred to the Finance Sub-Committee with a request for its opinion and advice.

Free Medicines

Reports from the Scientific, Sociological and Publicity Sub-Committees were submitted, containing various recommendations.

After a statement by the President it was decided that the Sociological Sub-Committee's suggestion that free medicines should be provided by Government could not be supported. It was also felt that a further proposal that four nurses should be employed by the Association for following up cases could not be approved (a) because the financial position did not justify such expenditure and (b) because patients whose names

and addresses are submitted to the D.D.H.S., can, in most cases, be seen by Government Health Visitors.

In connection with the survey of living conditions in the Colony now being carried out by the Sociological Sub-Committee, the President agreed to seek the cooperation of the Chinese hospitals and to approach the Auxiliary Nursing Service with a view to securing the services of auxiliary nurses to assist in filling up forms at clinics.

A suggestion by the Publicity Sub-Committee that street lecturers be employed, was discussed and it was agreed to appoint one for an experimental period of four months.

The Chairman revealed that the H. K. Chinese Relief Association (through its Chairman, Mr. Ho Kom-tong) had given a donation of \$800 to the funds of the A.A.T.A.

Those present included the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Sir Shouzon Chow, Messrs. B. Wylie, W. Wilson, Lee, Ho Kom-tong, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Rev. J. R. Hogg, Hon. Dr. L. L. Sandbach, Dr. T. P. Wu, Miss Ruby Mow Fung and Dr. N. C. Macleod.

CHINA MAIL
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AIR MAILS

One of the apparently minor items in the news yesterday, announcement that three commercial air-liners of the Clipper type are to be purchased for the purpose of maintaining Empire communications, will attract keen interest in Hong Kong. No indication was provided of the routes on which the Clippers might be used, but as the most serious rupture of communications has occurred between the British Isles and points East of Suez, (India, Australia and Hong Kong included), it is a fair assumption that it is the problem of restoration that has been engaging Imperial attention.

No consequence of Italy's entry into the war has been felt more severely in the East than virtual destruction of the air mail services. The value of such elements of the original system that have been retained is next to nil, for it happens, more often than not, that mails routed via America or Canada by surface craft reach Hong Kong in advance of the air mail.

It is recognised that the drastic curtailment of the air mail services and the loss of the speed asset was, to some extent, inevitable, however irksome it may, at the same time, have been. In the first instance, at all events. Now, however, the outlook for the future can be seen in clearer detail, the re-establishment of swift, reliable communications between Britain and the East must appear as a matter of increasing urgency.

One of the lessons for the future is that British control and British capital must alone be responsible for maintaining Imperial air communications. A long period of reconstruction and overhaul will inevitably follow on this war. It has been urged that the opportunity should then be seized to make every alteration necessary to bring Empire air lines to as high a state of efficiency, utility and security as possible. In the air, whether in the sphere of civil or military activity, Britain has to make considerable leeway. Something can even now be done to redress the balance.

THERE was not much pattern to my days in London. The difficulty of making and changing arrangements by telephone and the fact that from the second day till the day before I left I was waiting on my appointment with the Prime Minister—its time and place was not set until an hour before I saw him—meant that I could make no commitments in advance. Each day I simply made and kept as many engagements as I was able. Ben Robertson, who slept with me the first night, simply stayed on.

I have had difficulty since I got back making people really understand how entirely casually people take sleeping anywhere they happen to be when the black-out comes in London. Possibly it's because the phrase sleeping with someone has connotations in our vocabulary. Possibly it's because the idea of not having a room of one's own to sleep in every night is so foreign to everyone's experience here.

I asked everyone I met in and out of the Government how many Londoners slept in shelters and how many slept in their homes. No one had any idea. There are no statistics whatever available. Estimates of the number who slept in shelters, public and private, varied from 50 per cent to 95 per cent. The only thing you can be sure of is that very few sleep normally, night after night, in their own beds in their own rooms.

Even leaving out the fear of being out during heavy raiding you must also realise the difficulty of moving about a complicated city like London during a black-out. There are taxis that cruise all night, but they are few. Few also are the buses and the trains and the tubes. It was, for instance, altogether natural that when I had a radio talk to dictate during my second week and a young lady public stenographer came to type it for me and the work went on without either of us noticing the time until suddenly the maid came in and drew the curtains for the black-out. Ben and I should offer her our couch to sleep on. And she should debate for some minutes before deciding her room-mate might be worried and she didn't mind taking the bus anyway.

You must realise what it does to convention to take in first relatives, then acquaintances and finally strangers who were bombed out. And you must also realise—perhaps the most important thing of all—that when the night is full of noise no one wants to be alone. The presence of other human beings is comforting.

I think the only time I was really all out frightened—literally panicked—was when I came in alone one late afternoon and Ben, who was to join me, did not show up for several hours. It was the night a new and still larger gun moved into the park opposite. I was told it was a six-inch navy gun. It began to go off right after the first alarm. I went to watch from my bathroom-darkroom. There was a storm over London and the wind howled through the open window. Shells from the gun burst directly overhead, so that I ducked each time, sure the shrapnel would fall where I was. If it did, I heard none of it. But the crash of the gun was first deafening and then suddenly terrifying. I bolted the window and went in and tried to read the evening paper. The gun kept crashing and crashing and crashing. All of a sudden it came—a terrific desire to get to some other place in a hurry. I went out and rang for the elevator. It was about 8.30.

As I got in a very elegant old dame came down the corridor and got in with me. The gun went off. She said, "What was that?" A freckled elevator man said, "That was me, ma'am." She said, "Well, I wish to heaven you'd told me it was you. You've been scaring the life out of me." When I got down to the lobby people were standing around talking and going into dinner quite normally. I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to go down into the boiler room, get into a corner and curl up where I couldn't hear that damn gun. I thought if I did, when Ben came in he would be ashamed of me. I said nuts to myself. The gun went off a couple of times more and shook the revolving door. It made the sign reading AIR RAID WARNING flap. I said to myself, "Look here. You've decided that if you're going to be hit you're going to be hit. If you play it any other way, you're sure to lose. Like changing your stake, gambling." I said to myself, "You may be scared, but you know very well that the odds of a bomb hitting you are approximately seven or eight million to one. I want

back upstairs and felt much better.

The point about being afraid during a bombardment in which you know the chances of being killed are minute is this: that after you've been frightened a few times you know that being frightened is just an unreasonable temporary emotion, that it will pass and that in a little while you will feel all right again. Like getting unreasonably mad at a telephone girl giving you the wrong number. The time when I was alone with the gun noise in the Dorchester was the only time I felt panic, but four or five times in any given night, even though they were re-

—By—
Ralph Ingersoll

lately quiet. I was scared and each time after a while the fear would pass and I'd feel all right again. Because I was always with people who if they were scared didn't show it and we went about what we decided was our business and everything was all right and the fear passed.

It's "Behaving Well"

I think it's this quality of keeping their fears to themselves while they are afraid—they talk about it plenty afterwards—that's the most important part of what the English call "behaving well." They have it whether they are cockneys in the East End or cabinet ministers. They do not transmit their fears to one another the way some other peoples do. And when people transmit their fears to each other the result is panic and anything can happen in a panic. When they don't transmit their fear they go on about their business and presently aren't afraid any more.

I talked this over with a number of people in London and they agreed with me.

The fear that I'm talking about is the unreasonable fear produced by noise and the imagination. How a soldier who is under fire and is liable to be killed in action feels I know only from books. But I was and am interested in the other kind of fear, because that is the principal tool with which Adolf Hitler has conquered so much of the world. It's the Britisher's ability to cope with it and to survive it and to learn that it's a headache and not a fatal disease that's an important part of my confidence that the British will withstand and survive Adolf Hitler, and there's absolutely no question that they survived the terrible dose he gave them in September and are flourishing under the dilute solution which seems all he is currently able to administer now.

The two weeks that I was in London were what are called quiet weeks. They are quiet because Hitler has no control over the air of England in the daylight and because night bombers work best in the full of the moon when they can steer and guide their bombs by the reflection of the moon on the water and the rivers and lakes of England. The moon was on the wane when I arrived.

I know what it can be like when the moon is full, because the three days just before I got to London included the worst night bombing of the war so far. So I saw London right after its three worst nights and the people I talked to had just been through these nights.

From the point of view of personal experience I have identified this distinction: that the difference between a quiet night and a rough in London is simply that on a rough night if you move about the city streets you will have at least one narrow escape per night; that is, at least one bomb will whistle down and explode within a half a block or a block of you sometime or other. Whereas, going about on "quiet nights," while there is the same raiding, the guns and the lights and the planes, the bombs they drop are so scattered that in fourteen nights I had only two small bombs drop within a block of me, one in the park outside my window—after learning to sleep through the naval gun, its whistle woke me wide awake just before it hit—and the other on a road along which we were driving back to town from a night trip. There were four of us in a closed Wolseley car. The gears on the Wolseley were new and we had heard no

warning, but a red light flashed in front of us and an air raid warden stuck his head in as we stopped. He said, "There's a crater just ahead. It's just happened. We haven't found it yet. Better be careful." We said we would and drove on.

Hysterics In The Dark

At the end of a block we all at once saw two small lights flush with the pavement. The next minute we began to run over rubble. One of us said, "It's right here. You can always tell when you begin running over rubble." Another few feet and we saw what the lights on the street were. They were the still burning sidelights of a car that had just run into the crater. A woman came toward us out of the black and said, "Where are you going?"

The driver said, "To London." She said, "No, no, no. I mean what part of London?" The driver said, "The West End."

Her voice was rising. It sounded hysterical. She said, "No, no, no, that won't do at all. That's not at all where I want to go," and ran off behind us. We think she had been in the car.

We swung off to one side to avoid it and the pencil beam of our headlight picked out a figure lying on the edge of the curb. We got out and went over to it. It was a dead policeman. A red-headed policeman. He had been young and good looking. There was no one else around. It was very quiet. You could hear water bubbling under the car. The bomb had broken a main. We had flashlights and stood looking down at the policeman, not quite knowing what to do next. Presently there were footsteps coming rapidly toward us. Two air raid wardens. They made no comment. First one and then several policemen came from another street. They looked at the dead policeman, but did not move him. We shifted uneasily and walked back to look in the crater. The bomb must have hit just ahead of the car and the car rolled in where the pavement had been. For it was hardly scratched. While we were looking an ambulance or a truck rolled up behind us, some men got out, went over to where the warden was standing over the casualty. They lifted the dead policeman onto the stretcher, carried him back into the darkness. And no one said anything. The ambulance or the morgue wagon or whatever it was went off into the dark. The wardens and the policemen were in conference over how to get the car out of the crater. Down the street we could see another warden bringing a red lantern to mark it.

There had been some joking in the car about my not having had a close one in ten days in London. One of the men said, "Well, if it had to happen, I'm glad it happened where you could see it. This is just routine. I think there must be a bicycle about. I think the policeman was going home on it when the bomb hit." It was no longer a joke that I have the experience of having a bomb go off near me. The face of the dead policeman with the red hair stayed with me. That and the suddenness with which it happened and the silence that was around it after it happened. I began to feel anger rising in me. I stayed acutely angry at the people who had killed the policeman for several hours. Then, like being afraid, the acute part passed.

I had picked up a piece of the shell. I found it with my flashlight imbedded in the pavement and wedged it out. I brought it home with me.

Anderson Shelter

We laughed when we came to a place in the East End where a land mine had gone off. Because the little man we had found outside his Anderson shelter had been so perfect we swore he had been planted there by the Ministry of Information. We should have had the dialogue on a sound track to use with the film, "London Can Take It."

He was a tough little cockney and he drove a switching engine along the Liverpool docks. His little house and garden were on the edge of the area the land mine had devastated—beginning half a block away houses by the hundreds were uninhabitable. Directly across the street from him a bomb of 250 pounds—maybe 500 pounds—had blown a hole in a garden and wrecked the house behind it.

He said there were two things he didn't like about this war and the way he was treated in it. He said the anti-aircraft guns made him mad because they couldn't hit anything. He said he'd watched them and watched them. He wanted to see a German plane hit and never had, even though he worked out on the docks all day. And as to his own treatment, he told us he damn well wanted a tin hat. He said a bloke could do without a leg or an arm or this piece or that piece of him, but he couldn't do without his knob. He said he didn't see why the government couldn't give him and the other fellows that worked out on the docks steel helmets. Neither could Hilde nor I.

Like almost everyone, he put in his Anderson shelter himself. An Anderson shelter is made of heavy galvanised cast iron, the kind you sometimes see on warehouse roofs. It is about 4 by 8 feet square and 5 feet high, the top being arched to a circle. It is set up half submerged into the ground and then sandbags are piled around and over the top of it. Many people plant gardens on its roofs, flower gardens. It has other sandbags piled around its entrance. I climbed down into the little man's shelter. I could just get in. It had a concrete floor. He said cement was hard to get but he had a friend who could mix it and all the people in the neighbourhood got what cement they could and he and his friend went around and fixed up as many floors as they could. His shelter was quite dry. There were candles stuck on a little shelf and some odds and ends of clothing hung up. He said he had taken the bedding out to air it.

He told us he had sent his wife and his son and daughter to the country, but his daughter, who was the older, had come back and was staying with some people down the street. And another married daughter was around the corner with her husband. He said, "Ain't no place for women, but they don't like to be away from home and they come back." He said his was a good shelter and he slept very well there. But a lot of them were bad unless you had a good floor and knew how to fix it so the rain didn't come in.

Ben Robertson asked him if he was in the shelter when the bomb dropped across the street. He said, "Oh, yes. It shook quite a bit. But," he said, "I'm not afraid because I have it fixed so I can get out the back end if the front end caves in." I said, "What do you do when a bomb drops near you? Do you go out to see what happens?" He said, "Well, you see, we have got a kind of a system. When there's a hit everybody around comes out and we get together and go from one shelter to another to see if everybody else is all right, and to be sure the entrance hasn't caved in and they can't get out. Then after we have checked up on everybody's being all right we go back into our 'oles." (Another time, talking about a friend, he used the sentence, "And every evening about 5 'e goes 'ome to his ruins.")

Hilde said it was typical of London people, working out ways to look after each other like that. Ways that had nothing to do with government rules or regulations or even volunteer ARP wardens. Just people looking out for each other.

He showed us almost with pride where the land mine had hit. It had touched no building, coming down in a yard near a factory. There had been several automobiles there and they were squashed in as if Gibraltar had fallen on them. Characteristically, the crater wasn't deep. But for blocks and blocks around there were little frame houses battered and windowless. It was very depressing to walk down the empty, uninhabited streets.

The little man who lived in the Anderson shelter halted suddenly and grunted with disgust. "There, see," he said pointing to the sky. "Why can't they 'it 'im?" We all stopped. It was a lone daylight raider. The plane could not be seen but its exhaust, crystallised in the cold upper air, wagged after it like a pollywog's tail as the pilot twisted and turned. Half the anti-aircraft guns in town seemed to be after him. Puffs of white smoke broke above and below him.

"There! There! Now why can't they 'it 'im?" the little man kept saying over and over again, getting more and more excited. I found I felt exactly the same way. The German kept twisting and turning. He was going home to wards the south and when last seen puffs were still pursuing him.

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M.P.'s CHARTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A FOUR-POINT charter of women's rights has been put forward by Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., who had criticised Mr. Ernest Bevin, Labour Minister, for not having given women work they had been promised. "Women have been used as cheap machines too often," said Dr. Summerskill, and then she produced these four points:—

1. Women should have not only the right to work, but the right to work whether married or single.
2. They should receive the rate of pay for the job, and there should be no discrimination because of sex.
3. Promotion of women according to ability.
4. Opportunity for training for all work for which women are capable.

Dr. Summerskill was speaking at the first public meeting of the Woman-Power Committee, in London.

Viscountess Astor, M.P., said: "I want a woman in the Government to tell the Government where the women are wanted and what they can do."

"Mr. Bevin will dodge this problem as long as he can."

"The Services are much ahead of the Government in their employment of women. The women of the House of Commons must bring more pressure on the Government. If necessary, we must go to the Prime Minister."

"What makes my blood boil is the subconscious Hitlerism in the hearts of some men, which keeps women of ability down."

Insulted With O.B.E.

"They are prejudiced against able women, though they don't seem to mind the stupid and give them the jobs. Women don't want sham work — they want real work."

Lady Astor referred to the bravery of Miss Peggy Prince who went out sea in her canoe to save an airman, and added, "They ought to have given her the V. C., instead they insulted her by giving her the O.B.E."

Miss Irene Ward, M.P., acting chairman of the committee, said "Mr. Bevin gave us the right to form the Woman-Power Committee, but we have no power and terms of reference."

"One of my major grievances is the perpetual handing of the baby from one Government department to another."

"We had got to make the war effort so tremendous that it should absorb every employable person."

"One problem was to see that voluntary workers did not encroach on those had to earn their own living."

Workers, Not 'Ladies'

"We must be in on the ground floor," she added, "and we are not going to accept responsibility unless we are permitted to have a say in the creation of the policy which is so vital to both man-power and woman-power."

"We have reached unanimous recommendations and put them before Mr. Bevin with very little results."

Miss Caroline Haslett, president of the Women's Engineering Society, said she had been amazed to find how unaware Government officials were of the ability of women to do a real job of work.

"These officials are far too much inclined to treat us as ladies' instead of fellow workers," she said.

"LEG-PULL" FINES TO BE REMITTED

Remission of fines imposed on two men at Caerphilly in June for making statements likely to mislead in connection with public safety has been recommended by the Home Secretary.

It was alleged that the men, Percival Henry Fellows and Percy Jones, had been reported to the police by a schoolboy for remarks he said they made when the Belgian Army capitulated.

The men were each fined £2. Their defence was that the remarks were made in a jocular manner, and they treated the matter as a 'leg pull'.

WHISKY— WITH A HORSE

He was called by a friend to give whisky to a sick horse—that was the story of a motorist accused at North London of driving whilst under the influence of drink.

He said that he had to taste the whisky to see if it were too strong, and he held the horse's head while his friend poured the dose down the animal's neck.

Some of it was spilt over his clothes.

"They gave the whisky three times and he had a sip."

"Each time the horse had a whisky you had a whisky!" said Mr. Basil Watson, the magistrate.

"You and your pal, the horse, were having a drink."

"You had a drink to drink your own health, you drank the horse's health, and he drank yours."

Dismissing the charge, Mr. Watson ordered the driver, Albert Goodman, fifty, a garage proprietor, of Belvedere Road, Leyton, London, E., to pay a fine of £10 and £2 17s. costs for dangerous driving.

GERMAN FAMILIES SCARED TO FRANCE

German refugees from the much bombed Rhineland are beginning to crowd the hotels even in non-occupied France.

This information was given by a Frenchman who has just arrived in London from the non-occupied zone after trekking across the Pyrenees on a donkey. He sold his motorcar for just enough to buy a donkey and pay his fare to England from Lisbon.

"You have no idea here of how effective the R.A.F. bombings on Germany are," he said. "We get the backwash of them, even in unoccupied France."

"Friends of mine in the Department of Isere have had to leave their homes because of the influx of German refugees from the Rhineland. They, of course, get paid, but at 20 francs to the mark."

"The Germans are crowding into all the hotels in this region and paying at the same rate. In the last few weeks the influx has been tremendous."

Regarding R.A.F. bombings of the French coast, he said the Germans now describe Cherbourg as the "cemetery." He said that most people in the unoccupied zone knew of the big losses the Germans sustained when their pin-naces and barges, filled with troops, were bombed.

It was common knowledge that all the doctors in the Paris region had to be mobilised to deal with the casualties.

ART EXHIBITION

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Association for Calligraphy, Art & Literature, an Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy and Drawing at the 'Kam Ling Restaurant, was opened by Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on New Year's Day. The exhibition will remain open between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. till January 5.

FRENCH RESISTANCE TO INVADER IS GROWING

THERE IS BEING gradually built up in the United States — by letters, by stories of refugees, by articles of returning American newspapermen — a true picture of France under the German heel.

It is a tragic and terrible picture, but it is deemed by evidence of resistance to Nazi regimentation which is being continuously and bravely put up by what P. J. Philip, former Paris correspondent of the "New York Times," calls "the most individualistic people in the world."

Some of the incidents lately reported from inside France are trivial in themselves but significant as part of the trend.

For example, the United Press has just reported from Vichy that the German authorities are now threatening to close every cinema in Paris if French audiences do not stop applauding scenes in German newsreels showing the damage inflicted in British air raids over Germany.

The Nazi radio has said that such demonstrations are a "considered act of hostility" and all cinemas would be closed if a single burst of applause occurred in the future.

Posters Torn Down

Elsewhere it is reported, how workmen in the industrial suburbs of Paris tear down Nazi posters each night and how even the French police take a pride in helping their own people and foreigners to outwit the Gestapo.

One of the most important revelations of the spirit still surviving in unoccupied France is the publication of extracts from two of several petitions recently sent to the Vichy Government by

French patriots who have dared to sign their names and addresses. One urges Petain and his Ministers not to go on issuing declarations of goodwill towards the German conquerors, but to let the world know of each new outrage inflicted upon France. It is horrifying, says this petition, to see the controlled Press insulting England, and it asks: "Would not public opinion condemn a husband who after 40 years of married life would heap filth on the radio over his former wife to explain their divorce?"

Three Parties

The "New York Herald Tribune" has been receiving letters sent by messenger to Tours from occupied France. Most recent of these letters says there are now three parties in France — realists, sentimentalists and militarists.

The realists are accepting Nazi domination. The sentimentalists are passionately, but fruitlessly, longing for a British victory. The militarists are General de Gaulle's men. "Within their souls they feel that the only germ of practical aid to the country."

V.C. SCARED BY SPEECH

(By A Special Correspondent)

"IT WAS AWFUL — dunno how I got through it," Flight-Lieutenant Roderick Alastair Brook Learoyd, V.C., hero of the Dortmund-Ems Canal raids, told me.

But it was not his epic flight through a tornado of bursting shells over miles of enemy territory to which he was referring. It was to an ordeal through which he had just passed — he had had to face an audience and make a speech.

Crowding the little centuries-old council chamber at New Romney, Kent, were fisherfolk and townspeople among whom Roderick Learoyd spent his boyhood.

The walls told of the deeds of other Romney heroes, and an age-worn crested flag speaks of the Romney whence ships sailed before the Norman Conquest.

Paled, Fidgeted

But in all its history Romney had never had a hero like this broad-shouldered, 6ft. lin. airman with the crimson ribbon on his tunic.

Certainly not one more modest than twenty-seven-year-old Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd. He had come to receive from the Mayor the honorary freedom of the borough in recognition of his valour.

But he looked like a man in a dentist's waiting room.

The Mayor spoke of his bravery in the face of the enemy. The fair-headed giant in R.A.F. blue at his side paled, fidgeted, then in relief nodded to an old school chum in the audience.

Desperate - - -

"It is the most honourable distinction it is in our power to confer upon you," said the Mayor as he handed the airman an illuminated vellum scroll.

Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, V.C., rose, looked desperately at the sea of faces before him, shuffled his feet, then went to it. He thanked them for the honour. He would treasure the scroll all his life.

"I am afraid I am not very good at making speeches, so once again thank you all very much," he concluded—and sat down.

Kentish Fire

The audience rose and cheered, gave him three rounds of hand-clapping known as Kentish fire. The ceremony was over. And not the least glad was Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd, V.C.

In the audience were his father and mother, Major and Mrs. R. B. Learoyd, and his sister, Lesley Brook an actress.

He is spending a week's leave at his home, Frogs' Hall, New Romney, while awaiting a new appointment. He had flown there.

CRIME IN SHELTER

A seventeen-year-old milkman was on his round at Gravelhill, Bexleyheath, Kent, when two youths asked him if he would like some cigarettes.

The milkman, Cyril John Parker, accepted and the youths asked him to go down an air raid shelter. As he sat down he was hit on the jaw and head.

Recovering, he found that his legs were tied with handkerchiefs and ties and that he had a gag in his mouth. His wallet containing £21 12s. 2½d. was missing.

The story was told at Dartford, Ken, by Detective-Sergeant Duff when William George Edwards, twenty, of Swanbridge Road, Bexleyheath, and George Arthur Chapman, nineteen, of Victoria Street, Upper Belvedere, Kent, were each sentenced to one month's hard labour for the theft of the wallet.

Detective-Sergeant Duff said they had been sleeping in air raid shelters for the past month. Chapman was also sentenced to one month's hard labour, to run consecutively, for stealing a cycle from a Bexleyheath car park.

1904 GROUP REGISTER

Registration days under the National Service (Armed Forces) Acts for men born in 1904 were announced in London yesterday.

January 11 is the date assigned for those born between July 1 and 31, December, 1904, and January 18 for those born between January 1 and 30, June, 1904.—British Wireless.

ESCAPED---"BE OFF" TO NAZIS

A HUSSAR OFFICER back in England after escaping thrice from the Germans in Flanders slept a night in an empty house which he had commandeered while disguised as a Belgian. Several times German N.C.O.s arrived and begged for a night's lodging. Assuming an air of authority, he refused. The Huns went away.

First captured with twelve others, the officer was marched to Brussels, where inhabitants pressed tobacco and food on them.

While being marched to St. Trone he slipped out of the column, clawed his way through a hedge and threw himself flat. He lay there until dark, scarcely daring to move his cramped limbs.

Without food and water he decided to risk calling at a lonely cottage, where a peasant gave him food and a Sunday suit. Thus he became disguised as a Belgian refugee.

He got as far as Elzevelles, to be challenged by a German lance-corporal.

He told the Nazi he had been to Flebecq, a small village without even a town hall, to see his brother. But Flebecq is a town in which the town hall is the biggest building, and the Hussar was marched off under escort.

A few minutes later he slipped away from his escort, and entered a cafe, looking for all the world like a bearded refugee in his best suit.

Further on, enemy troops were everywhere, and he was repeatedly challenged.

At Pecq the bridge was down, but he managed to cross the river, and at Lille he found himself in the midst of a battle between French and Germans.

In the general confusion he got hold of a bicycle, negotiated road blocks, and reached Grand Pont, only to be searched by a German soldier, who found his Army whistle and torch.

For the third time he was arrested.

Imprisoned at Abbeville and later at St. Ricquiers, where he was placed in a large barn full of civilians, he again escaped.

This time he got to the coast, where a friend helped him to get a small rowing boat.

It was midnight when he sailed. A little way out he saw a boat approaching. At the sound of a voice he dropped into the bottom of the boat. The cry came again — in English: "Hullo, who are you?"

It was a British boat on the lookout for stray soldiers along the coast. The officer was taken on board and brought to Dover.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI SEES MR. EDEN

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, called on Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, yesterday afternoon, for the first time since Mr. Eden's resumption of office as Foreign Secretary.

Apart from renewing personal and official contacts, it is understood that they discussed various questions affecting the common interests of China and Britain in the Far East and the Pacific. — Central News.

PETAIN SCORNS EQUALITY AND POLITICAL LIBERTY

MARSHAL PETAIN, in an article published by the Revue des Deux Mondes, one of the principal monthly reviews in France, now appearing in the non-occupied territory, contributes his own views on the political philosophy which he is trying to introduce.

It takes the form of an attempt to dispose of the Republican device, "Liberty, equality, fraternity," for which the Marshal wished to substitute the notions of authority and obedience towards the State.

"We must teach our young people," he writes, "that liberty can only be exercised when combined with recognition of a secular authority, which they must respect and must obey." The word "must" is printed twice in italics.

He is scornful of political liberty, "even if it confers the right to drop a voting paper into an urn every four years." Nor is full liberty of labour to be accorded "for in this matter choice must be restricted by economic possibilities and by the exigencies of national interests."

Equality Modified

As for equality, "it is a fine thing at certain levels and in certain circumstances. But, if men are equal before death and before God, only a civilised society can grant them liberty before the law and offer them equal opportunities in life. Equality must be bound up with a rational scale of authority based on differences of function and of merit.

"Fraternity, too, is a magnificent ideal, but in the condition into which we have now fallen the only true fraternity is that of the natural groups—the family, the city, the Motherland. As a means for promoting universal progress, the class struggle is an absurd conception which leads to national downfall and death through civil or international war.

"We must therefore tell our children that, though masters and men may sometimes have interests which clash, the general interest of their occupation is paramount, and it in its turn is subject to the interests of production taken as a whole, which the State must direct, outside and above the 'corporations' concerned, according to the domestic and foreign markets."

All this, of course, postulates a strong and wise Government arising in some way from "the condition into which we have now fallen." But the authority of Marshal Petain is a precarious one. Even in the occupied zone hopes are now being placed elsewhere, and La France au Travail (Paris) finds it necessary to threaten those who refuse to believe that all is lost.

RAIDERS WITH SECRET INFORMATION?

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. William Hughes, stated in Canberra yesterday that the Naval Board is investigating statements by survivors that Nazi Pacific raiders possess information indicating they know the British Admiralty code for communicating with merchant shipping.

Interviews with survivors give no hint of the whereabouts of bases from which the raiders' supply ships are refuelled and refitted.—Reuter.

The staff of a London restaurant shelled peas and cut beans in an air-raid shelter during a morning alarm. Members of the public helped.

'WE'D BANG THEM'

Goering's night murderers picked out a "troop concentration" for attack the other night.

The troops were the Chelsea Royal Hospital pensioners — men who fought their battles years before Goering and his louts knew what an aeroplane was like.

But it takes more than a murderer's plane to move these veterans. They are angry because they cannot hit back.

"We old chaps may not be much good to-day," said Corporal E. Marsh, South African War veteran, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, "but we'd have a bang at the devils if we could."

Corporal Marsh was one of five men who were buried in debris when a high explosive bomb fell at the junction of the North front and West wing, blowing holes in the walls and devastating several floors.

His Lucky Smoke

Corporal Marsh does not usually go into a shelter when there is a raid. He stays in his cubicle on the ground floor; but he cannot smoke in the wards, so he went out to join Sergeant G. Clarke, Driver W. G. Cox and three semi-blind men in their shelter under the staircase — just for a smoke.

"There was a crash," he said. "We were smothered in wreckage and cement dust. The powder almost suffocated us. I should think we swallowed enough cement to build a town hall."

Driver Cox, formerly of the Royal Army Service Corps, knows what bombing is like.

"I heard the scream of a bomb. The blast flung me to the boiler house door and then back to the colonnade."

"I could hardly speak because I was choked by soot. Still I remember things quite as bad when I was a serving soldier."

BENGALI VESSEL CAPSIZES

Eighteen lives were lost as the result of the sinking of a country craft in the channel between Chittagong and Sandwip Island, says a message from Bengal.

The boat, which was carrying 22 passengers, was caught in a gale and capsized in mid-stream. — Reuter.

liminary reports from all regions indicated that without waiting for the approach of wardens and firemen, great numbers of men and women were offering their services either individually or after making up parties among themselves. — Reuter.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Reaching A Slam

By The Four Aces

"In a duplicate foursome," writes Mrs. W. R. M., of Washington, D. C., "this hand created quite a bit of discussion:

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
Replay Duplicate

♠ —
♥ A K 6 5 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ J 9 5 4
♠ A K Q J
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 6 3 2
♣ 3
N
W E
S
♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 4
♣ 10 8 6 2
♠ J 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K 7

"On the first round, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass

"On the second round, played several weeks later, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Six hearts was made in each case. Would you give us your opinion as to the best method of reaching the slam, which is so obviously in the hand?"

On the first round, North's double and jump to four hearts are beyond criticism. But after such powerful bidding by North, South should realise that if North wanted to be in a game without knowing about the Ace and King of clubs, there ought to be a play for slam. A bid of five clubs by South would surely lead to a slam contract. North might bid six hearts at once, or might bid five spades; in either case, six hearts would be the final contract.

On the second round, North should have doubled instead of just overcalling with the bid of two hearts. But when South (properly) went to four hearts, the extra values in the North hand should have prompted that player to try for a slam. A bid of four spades by North would have produced five clubs by South; and then North could bid six hearts with reasonable assurance that there would be a play for the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	Yen	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The hand is not quite strong enough to bid the diamonds before showing the spade support. The simple raise is the clearest bid available.

Score 100% for two spades, 60% for two diamonds, 30% for one no-trump.

Question No. 604

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Maler	Jacoby	Burnstone
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer

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Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K. C. (for the defence): The whole of that is in the balance and you stand to lose everything, including your honour?—Yes.

Would you risk that for a mere £130?—Certainly not. Thirty-three-year-old Lieutenant Ensor, now on the extra regimentally employed list, attached Holding Battalion, Grenadier Guards, said that when he signed certain cheques he had no idea they would be dishonoured.

He pleaded not guilty to twenty-six charges alleging cheque offences involving £135, denied absconding himself without leave, and denied charges concerning his revolver and ammunition.

Not Guilty

Ensor was found not guilty of absconding himself without leave, not guilty of the thirteen cheque charges alleging "scandalous conduct unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman."

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The finding of the Court on the alternative thirteen cheque charges alleging conduct to the



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Promise Denied

Replying to Captain Nield, Ensor said he did not promise Mrs. Allen £20. (Mrs. Allen said on that the officer promised her £20 when he went to her Clarges Street flat, that he gave her a cheque for £10 which was dishonoured, and that he left a watch as security for the other £10.)

He gave her £10. When he left her flat he did not say he would be back in twenty minutes. The watch was given to him by his wife last Christmas and he valued it extremely.

He left the watch at Mrs. Allen's flat by mistake and not as security.

The money with which the cheques were eventually met came from his mother. His wife had all his money.

When fifty incendiary bombs fell on a Midland farm, the owner and his wife extinguished the fires with sand, carted the remains of the bombs to a market town and auctioned them for the local Spitfire Fund.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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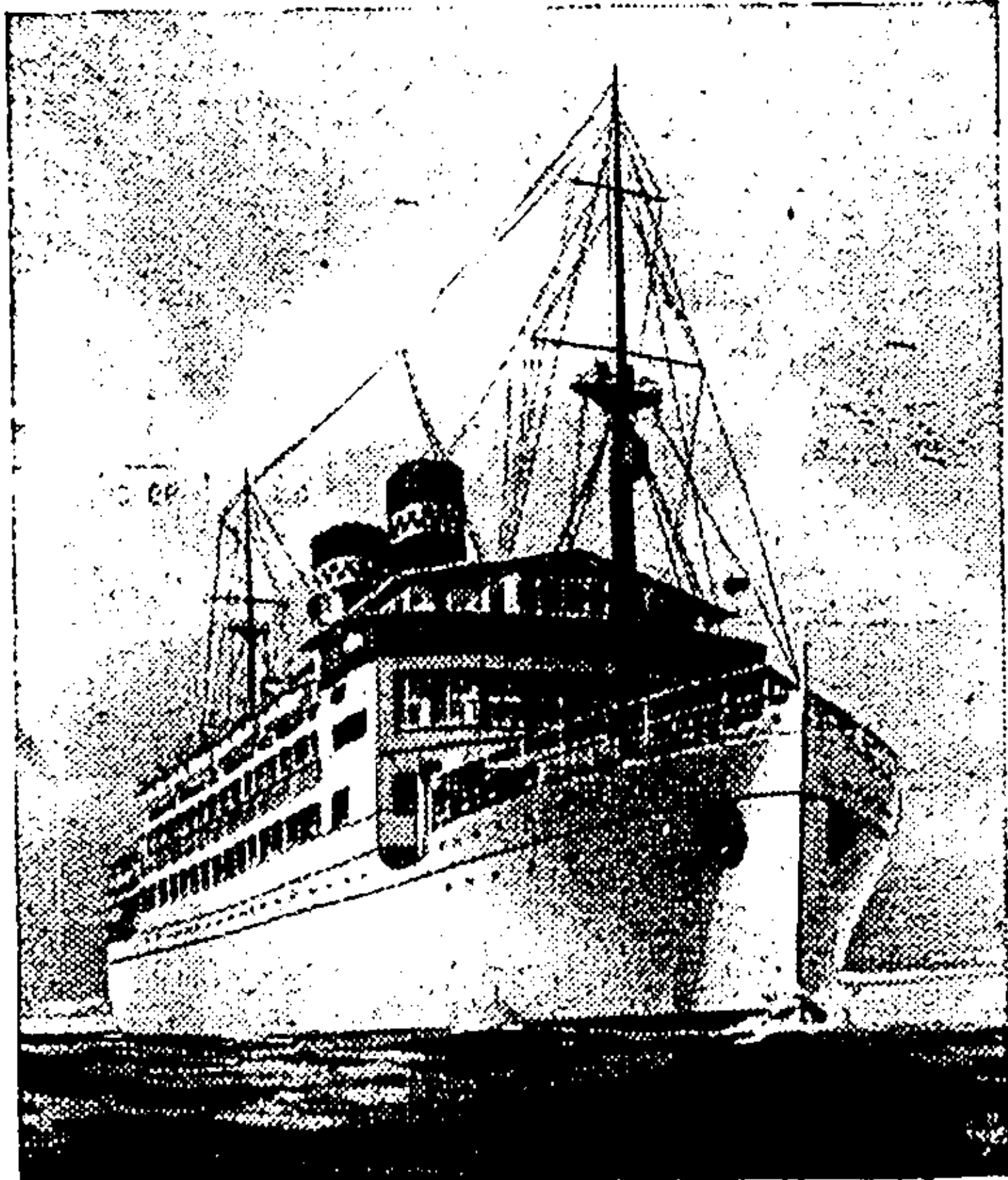
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FOR DATE & TIME

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12.30 p.m.—Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor Op. 21.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra and Gitta Alpar (Soprano).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Rossini—La Boutique Fantasque.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.10 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—A Programme by Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and Sam Browne (Vocal).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Orchestra Napolitain and Deanna Durbin (Vocal).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Theatre Land.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks: "Books and People."

9.45 p.m.—Norman Long in a Humorous Variety Programme.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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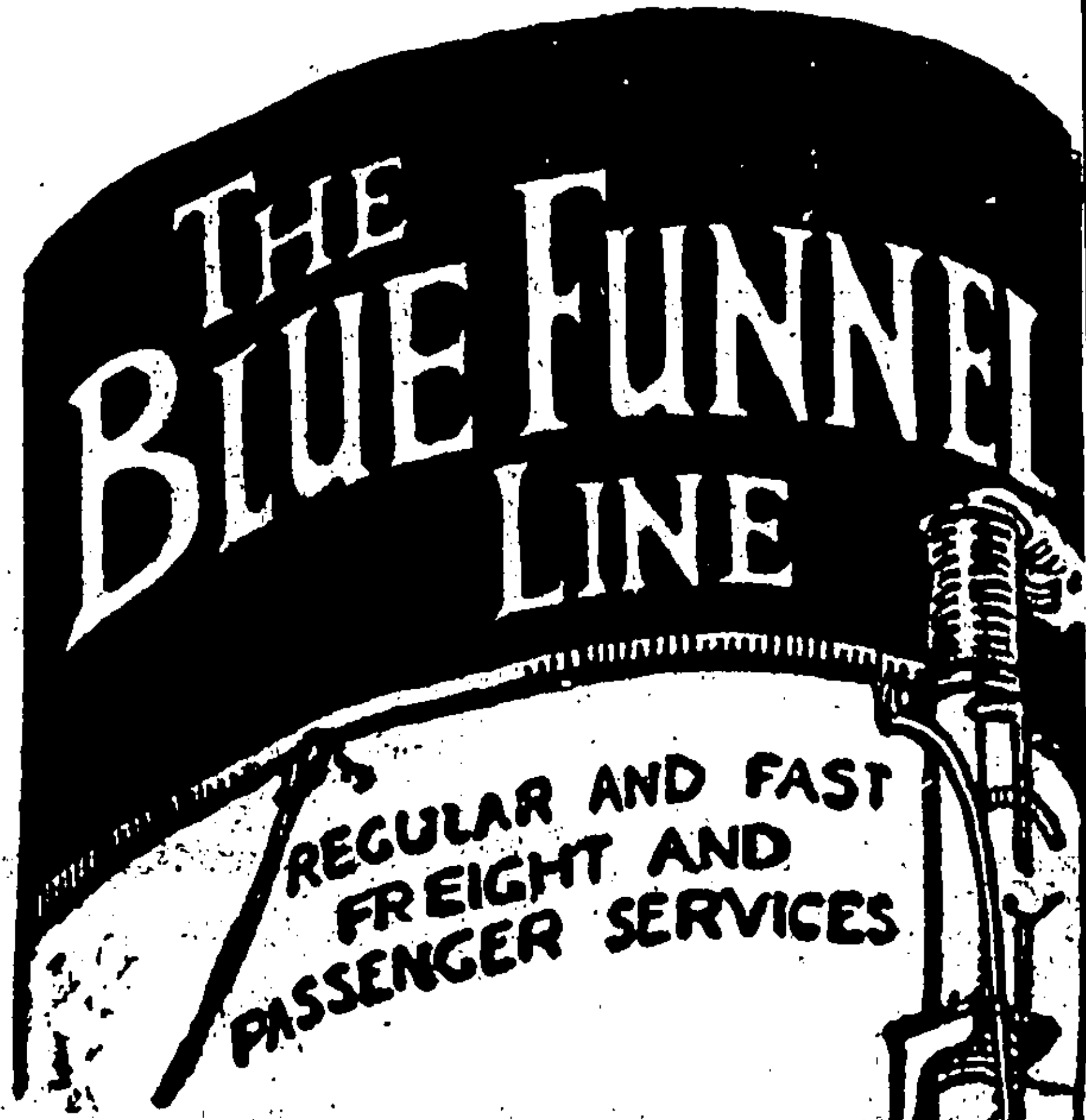
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFF-CEE"

War Charities benefitted to the extent of another \$2,000 as the result of the Charity Football Game on New Year's day at Sookunpoo when Combined Chinese beat "Rest of Colony" by 4 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

Robinson played a grand game for "Rest" in goal and in the first half brought off several good saves. He was more often in action than his opposite number Cheong Wing-choy, who was badly at fault with the shot from Fox that beat him.

Since there will be no Interport with Shanghai this year, Hong Kong Football Association have lost no time in arranging the programme for Chinese New Year on the dates reserved for the Interport series.

The Semi-Finals of the Lai Wah Competition will now be played on January 27, (Chinese New Year Day) and the draw will be made at the meeting of the Council of the Association on Thursday.

Advantage has also been taken to play-off one of the Kowloon Cup games on the following day and in order not to congest the fixtures any further, Army and Navy are prepared to play their game on Wednesday, January 22.

A request for a charity game between Shanghai Chinese and Southern Chinese on January 28, in aid of the funds of the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association has not been granted.

Wednesday's Charity game will be the last additional Charity game for a long time and it will now be possible to get on with League and Shield fixtures so that the season will be completed by early April.

Volunteer camps, which are again starting shortly, will unfortunately upset arrangements and the sooner the League games are played off the better.

Sing Tao are contemplating a visit to Manila early in March and in order to have no games during that period are prepared to have their games brought forward, if possible. On Sunday January 20 they meet Police at Boundary Street. Police will meet South China on the previous day in their postponed game from December 22.

A. E. Strange, the club all-rounder, will be badly missed by his club for the rest of the season as he leaves on holiday next week.

King Ka-pui signed for South China at the beginning of the season and then transferred to Kwong Wah. He is now on Sing Tao's register.

N. Delgado, who has not played soccer for a season has been practising hard recently and will be competing in the League. He has not decided whether he will join St. Joseph's or International.

Great annoyance was caused to two clubs last week by the chosen players failing to notify their clubs that they were not available. Kowloon and St. Joseph's both fielded depleted teams through this, last week.

O'Regan and Roughly will be playing at back against Sing Tao on Saturday for Navy and with Robinson, in goal, the Chinese will have to work hard to keep in running for the Championship.

BOXING BEAUTICIAN

Jimmy Perrin, featherweight contender, owns a New Orleans beauty shop and works at the trade when he isn't in training.

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AROMIN SEEKING FIGHT WITH LEN COLLINS

As Preliminary To Trip To Malaya

Local Lad Looking For Fresh Fields To Conquer

By "Adrem"

AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS THE NAME OF "YOUNG" AROMIN HAS APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS IN CONNECTION WITH BOXING. USUALLY THIS KEEN YOUNGSTER HAS BEEN THROWING CHALLENGES WHICH THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN UP.

I know for a fact that Aromin, unable to get matches in Hong Kong, has gone further afield and letters have been addressed to promoters in Manila and other parts of the Far East.

Now there are some prospects of him achieving his ambition of raising himself to the status of a professional boxer of the very highest rank.

Agreement Signed

An agreement was recently signed between Aromin and Mr. M. Stanley, a manager who is likely to see that his charge does get places. Mr. Stanley is the man who gave another local man, Battling Rio, to Far Eastern boxing. Rio was taken to Singapore and is now the holder of at least three titles, including the welter-weight championship of the Orient.

Mr. Stanley has some excellent connections in Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and if Aromin goes down there he is assured of some good fights if he can make the grade.

Aromin is well-known as a keen lad who is always willing to don the gloves even when conceding a good deal of weight but his manager is anxious to match him in Hong Kong before going south. Difficulty is the lack of suitable opponents. A challenge was recently thrown out to Len Collins, the only suitable man in Hong Kong. Aromin and Collins, some months ago, were seen in action at Victoria Recreation Club, when Aromin gave a very promising display against the Britisher over a lively six-round bout. Since then Collins has been to Manila under the auspices of Jes Cortes, the well-known promoter, and scored at least one win.

Interesting Bout?

With Aromin and Collins in full training a bout between the two men would, I am certain, attract a lot of attention and would do much to stimulate local interest in boxing, never at a lower state in the history of the Colony.

Mr. Stanley told me yesterday that although he knows that Collins in the Colony he has been unable to trace him and, if interested, the latter is asked to communicate with him as soon as possible with a view to arranging terms.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

The programme for Hong Kong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 1941, which will be held at Happy Valley on February 15, 17, 18, 19 and 22, contains eleven races for an entirely new class of pony, the Australian Griffins.

The Hong Kong Derby will be run on the second day and the Roto Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup on the third day.

The Australian Champions and Hong Kong Champions will take place on the fourth day, while the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription ponies Championship will be held on the last day.

R.E. FOSTER PASSES

R. E. Foster, one of the famous band of cricketing brothers who used to play for Worcestershire, died early in December, it is announced.

Foster captained the English team against the Australians in Australia during the 1903-4 season.

DERBY WINNERS CONTINUE TO GO TO AMERICA

DERBY WINNERS for America continues to be one of the chief topics among English racing men. Mahmoud was the latest to go, and now it is said that yet another will be following him. Negotiations between American breeders and the agents for the English owner are going on.

Owners who like the Aga Khan have invested huge sums of money in owning and breeding, cannot be blamed if they relieve themselves of some of their burdens, but it is much more inspiring to hear the statements of owners like Lord Derby that they will keep their important stallions in England.

It may even be that the time for Government action has come.

All industries come under Government control in some form or another in war-time, and horse racing and breeding is a big industry, with much capital sunk in it and giving work to thousands of people. One of the drawbacks to Government action at the moment is that there is no unanimity of opinion on the desirability of keeping racing going. Opponents of racing would be glad to see more horses going to America, on the grounds that they would not then be consuming feeding stuffs in England, or breeding when a decrease in the number of horses is desirable.

Thousands In Training

There are still thousands of horses in training in England, but there is, nevertheless, the danger of the supply of really first-class material drying up. When the war ends British owners and breeders want to take up their traditional place.

The English Derby remains the best known race in the world, and the winning of it the premier honour. Now Americans will be keener than ever on an all-American victory in this event. Mr. Pierre Lorillard's Iroquois won in 1881 and Mr. Duryea's Durbax in 1914, but they never ran in America and were trained one in England and the other in France.

It will still not be accurate to talk of an all-American victory

CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH

Arising out of discussion as to the merits and demerits of the Kowloon Cricket Club senior cricket eleven, has come a challenge from Hong Kong Cricket Club for a two-day game over the Chinese New Year holidays, which, it is understood, has been accepted. It is presumed that Club will call on their service and Civil Service members in which case a really excellent game should result.

COOMBES AGAIN AT STAND-OFF

Following will represent Army against Club to-morrow in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture on the Club ground at 4 p.m.

L/Cpl. Pleton (R.E.); L/Sgt. Richards (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.); Capt. Douglas (R. Scots); Pte. McDonald (R.A.M.C.); Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Ford (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.); 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.); 2/Lt. Millar (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots); Capt. Duke (R. Scots); Cpl. Gillam (Mx. Reg.).

Reserves:—L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry, 2/Lt. Eddison (R.A.); Capt. Barclay (R.A.M.C.); L/Sgt. Marsh (R.A.).

OFFICIAL LEAGUE TABLES

As Royal Army Service Corps have withdrawn from the Third Division of the Hong Kong Football League all points for matches already played are expunged from the Table.

Following are the league standings to December 31 supplied by Football Association.

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
Eastern	14	10	3	1	44	21	23		
S. China	13	10	2	1	40	13	22		
Sing Tao	13	10	2	1	36	16	22		
Middlesex	13	6	2	5	30	30	14		
Kowloon	11	4	3	4	16	20	11		
Navy	12	2	5	5	33	34	9		
R. Scots	12	3	2	7	20	29	8		
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7		
H.K. Club	11	3	1	7	21	31	7		
St. Joseph's	13	2	3	8	16	31	7		
Kwong Wah	13	1	4	8	23	40	6		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
Engineers	14	12	2	0	71	14	26		
S. China	14	9	4	1	61	9	22		
Middlesex	15	9	3	3	49	21	21		
R.A.S.C.	13	9	1	3	66	24	19		
Sing Tao	14	8	3	3	40	20	19		
R. Scots	15	8	1	6	37	26	17		
Navy	14	8	1	5	41	31	17		
Kit Choo	16	6	2	8	32	51	14		
Kwong Wah	15	5	3	7	24	39	13		
30th R.A.	15	4	4	7	32	47	12		
R.A.O.C.	13	3	2	8	20	38	8		
Police	15	3	1	11	23	57	7		
Club	13	1	1	11	14	71	3		
Kowloon	14	0	2	12	15	77	2		

THIRD DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
R.A.F.	12	9	2	1	32	15	20		
Signals	14	8	4	2	28	16	20		
36th R.A.	14	8	2	4	47	20	18		
12th R.A.	14	6	5	3	29	21	17		
24th R.A.	13	6	3	4	31	16	15		
R.A.M.C.	14	6	2	6	26	41	14		
7th R.A.	14	6	3	6	28	26	13		
Engineers	13	6	1	6	38	23	13		
International	12	5	2	5	27	23	12		
20th R.A.	13	5	2	6	26	31	12		
35th R.A.	10	4	2	4	21	20	10		
Shell	13	1	2	10	10	41	4		
A.S.A.	12	0	0	12	4	51	0		

TIE IN GOLF COMPETITION

The first competition held by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, for the Bomber Fund, for a prize presented anonymously, resulted as follows: G. M. Park (7)—3 up; J. Thompson (20)—3 up.

The tie will be played off later. The former played on the old course and the latter on the new course.

Other scores were:—Old Course: W. S. Hillier (10) and L. R. Andrews (5), 2 up; Major W. G. Hamey (10); S. L. Lloyd (10); J. Harrop (16)—one up; and New Course scores all squares.

New Course: F. N. Merrick (10), Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (16), T. Megarry (9)—2 up; Capt. A. C. Drew Wilkinson (15); S. L. Lloyd (10); G. W. Tate (23); J. H. B. Lee (11) one up; and New Course scores all squares.

A cheque for \$353 has been sent to the S.C.M.F. War Fund.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ROYAL SCOTS AND THEIR SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Fine Boxing Record Of Pte. Scott

Analysis Of The Cricket Eleven

By "Squaddy"

IN the Garrison Billiards League 40th (F) Coy. Engineers defeated Royal Corps Signals by 5 points to 2 on Tuesday evening.

The Engineers scored 881 and Signals 781.

Sgt. Brackenbury made the biggest break of the evening with a fine 29, and L/Cpl. Pitcher made a break of 24 for the Signals.

Engineers had three players all making breaks of twenty or over, with L/Cpl. Thompson making breaks of 22 and 24, L/Sgt. Sheldrake a 22, and Spr. Ratcliffe a 21.

SIGNALS	ENGINEERS
Sgt. Brackenbury 138	L. Cpl. Thompson 150
Cpl. Bount 79	L. Sgt. Sheldrake 150
L. Cpl. Pitcher 150	Spr. Ratcliffe 135
L. Cpl. Murphy 127	Spr. Crittendon 150
Sig. Liley 137	Spr. Monaghan 150
Sig. Allen 150	S/Sgt. Colne 146
Total 781	Total 881

AT Sookunpoo, on New Year's Eve 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by eight points to nil.

5th A.A. played a better combining game than their opponents and well deserved their victory.

Signals and Royal Army Service Corps drew, each side scoring three points.

Signals should have secured both points, but could not get the ball away from the scrum-downs which cost them the match. Service Corps were the first to score, but failed to keep the lead owing to bad passing by the forwards.

The first half of the League is still undecided with the Royal Scots having six points and the Middlesex Regt. five. This will be decided when Royal Scots and Middlesex meet some time in the next two weeks. Engineers won their half of the League and will meet either Scots or Middies in the final game to be played at Sookunpoo.

THE boxing season is nearly upon us and boxers are getting fit for the forthcoming competitions which will take place within the next two months. The Novices

Boxing competition will be the first competition to be held and is due to take place on February 12 at Nanking Barracks.

Pte. Scott of "C" Company, Royal Scots, is expected to win in his weight in the Area Individual Opens. He has an excellent Boxing record which dates back to 1935.

Year	Weight	Result
1935	1st Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1936	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1937	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Feather Weight	Belt Holder
1940	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder

At Moghulpura, India in 1937 Pte. Scott met the All-India Champion and after putting up an excellent show was just out-pointed.

AFTER a lapse of several years Royal Scots Cricket Team has once again come into being, and on the whole they have done well.

In some of their earlier matches the batting was bad and disastrous collapses took place against R.A. and R.E.s, but during the last two or three weeks they have improved with 157 runs against Police, and 173 for 7 against Club.

Their best performance of the season was undoubtedly a second wicket stand of 96 by Cpl. Alsey and Pte. Bateman which won the match against the Club. Bateman's 70 not out included one six and 11 fours.

The most successful bowler so far has been 2/Lieut. B. A. Fergus who has taken 21 wickets, Emmerson being second with 11 wickets.

Their bowling and fielding have always been good and steady, and there is a large reserve of bowlers who can be relied upon, although unfortunately they cannot all be given a chance to bowl in every match.

While on the subject of bowling, special mention is made of some very fine fielding by Bateman, whom several bowlers have to thank for his assistance in taking wickets. He has made 7 catches in Battalion matches so far.

BATTING AVERAGES				
(Qualification 4 Innings, Average 10)				
	Inns.	N.O.	R.	H.S. Ave.
Pte. Bateman	7	1	118	70 19.67
Cpl. Alsey	5	1	76	33 19.00
2/Lieut. Fergus	8	1	125	47 17.85
Capt. Patterson	7	2	70	29 14.00
Capt. Duke	4	0	53	48 19.25
Major Godley	6	0	60	19 10.00

BOWLING AVERAGES				
(Qualification 4 wickets, Average 15 or under)				
	O.	M.	R.	W. Ave.
2/Lieut. Fergus	43.5	6	149	21 7.10
Pte. Emmerson	22.1	2	104	11 9.55
Cpl. Alsey	22.2	2	74	7 10.57
Capt. Duke	9	0	49	4 12.29
Pte. Bateman	26	3	80	6 13.33

OWING to the fine efforts of Q.M.S.I. Pacey, Sgt. Whippy and assistants at the Mount Austin Gymnasium Royal Scots have been able to revive this sport in the battalion.

The competition was fought outside the Gymnasium on the Peak, with "B" Company being deserving winners, beating H.Q. (2) by a margin of seven fights in the final.

The best fights of the competition were those between P.S.M. Smith and R.S.M. Goodfellow, and Capt. Harland and Pte. Fowler.

Although P.S.M. Smith has done a lot of this sport and is considered to be one of the best exponents of this art, he was almost always beaten by the speed of R.S.M. Goodfellow's riposte and his superior footwork.

Capt. Harland's fight which took place in the final round was well worth watching. His low, wide stance is disconcerting to any opponent, and his speed, riposte, joint and disengages was too much for Pte. Fowler on numerous occasions.

THIS year Royal Scots introduced a new sport into their midst,

by forming a Softball team, and seem to be holding their own against the more experienced teams in the Colony. They are now sixth in the Junior League together with Liga Portuguesa.

Following are the members of this sport which is hoped to be a flourishing branch of the Battalion sports. L/Cpls. Lane, Phillips Edge, and Sharrock, Bds. Dibbl, Emmerson, Cooper, Christie, Marshall, and Slaytor, Ptes. Manson Smith, and Cody.

AN AMERICAN WRITES ON THE GAME OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

WITH JERSEY, socks, boots, and short knickers their only accoutrements, Australia's footballers look rather undressed, compared with the helmeted armoured divisions of America's gridiron game, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

For the principal code in four of the six States—a home-made mixture called Australian Rules—the field is comparatively an uncharted region. The only markings are a line around the boundary, and a small ring in the centre, where the umpire bounces the ball to start play.

It is a prairie of a field, 200 yards by 150 yards. On these broad acres, the backs might well be called outbacks, but as each team has 18 players, most of the vast open spaces are trodden by human foot in the course of the four 25-minute quarters. One rule empowers the umpire, at the request of either team, to muster and count the players. In the bad old days, it was a necessary safeguard on such far-flung territory, but no such audit has been requested for many years.

No Offside

The game is played at a tearing speed. With no offside rule, or other impediment to forward kicking and passing, the ball is swiftly relayed from end to end. More than 40 goals were kicked by the teams in one Victorian League match this year.

More than 69,000 people paid approximately \$5,000 (the equivalent of \$15,500) to see Melbourne beat Richmond in the final for the Victorian premiership. That was on a wet day. The record attendance is 96,834. The Melbourne ground, most capacious in Australia, can hold no more.

The wonder of the Victorian season was Jack Titus pale-faced, slender Richmond forward, who topped the State goal list with 190. When Titus entered big football 14 years ago, people predicted that he would not withstand one season of the hurly-burly. Now 31, Titus has played in 242 matches for the Tigers—the last 152 without a miss—and has scored 793 goals.

Famous Kicker

The slickest, will-o'-the-wisp mover I have seen on any football field in England or Australia, George Moloney, scored 129 goals in helping Claremont win their third consecutive Western Australian premiership. His nickname is "Speck," but there are no flies on Moloney. With his back to the goal, and without looking around, this human corkscrew can punt-kick the ball over his shoulder and find the target as accurately as if he had a periscope to show him where the posts are. And he does it equally well with either foot.

On a squally day, P. T. Morton, captain of Sturt, kicked six goals to enable his team to beat South Australian premiership. Morton's goal-tally for the season, 101, was second in his State to K. Farmer's 123 for North Adelaide. B. H. Leak, Sturt centre let nothing through.

The average age of Eastern Suburbs' team, runner-up in New

PEGGY SCRIVEN MARRIED

Peggy Scriven, English Wightman Cup tennis player, and Frank Harvey Vivian, a Royal Air Force officer, were married recently.

H.K.C.C. XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against Craggenower C.C. in a friendly match to-morrow on the Club ground:—

L. T. Ride (Capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

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16 Six-Footers

But the Goliath touch is essential because Australian Rules set no limit to the vigor of bumping with shoulder and hip. Sixteen players between 6ft. and 6ft. 3in. were afield in the Victorian semi-final between Melbourne and Essendon.

When outside Jack Dyer, a policeman known as the "Big Bad Wolf" of the Victorian League, entered his team's dressing-room before the final, his teammates hooted him with mock malignity. They explained that it was to accustom Dyer to the sound-effect which opposing fans would provide when he bowled men over on the field.

Setting a cop to catch a cop, Melbourne's coach-instructed Constable Jack O'Keefe that his part in the match was to shadow Dyer. This "shadowing" consisted not of keeping Dyer under secret observation but of meeting him shoulder to shoulder whenever the ball came near. The owners of both sets of shoulders showed ample give-and-take spirit.

Trophies Awarded

On the umpires' votes, trophies are awarded to the best and fairest Australian Rules footballer in each State. In Victoria, Herbert Matthews, dashing South Melbourne winger, tied with Des. Fothergill (Collingwood), aged 20, who has a managing director's head on office-boy's shoulders.

Another 20-year-old, C. Barnsley, Sydney half-back, gained the N. S. W. trophy, although his club did not win a match.

Mel Brodie (Glenelg), South Australia's best and fairest, is a seasoned warrior of 23, who entered first-grade football nine years ago. Another who started senior football when 16, Doug Pittard (Taringa), won the trophy in Queensland, where the Windsor team, led by C. Stream, flowed on to their fifth consecutive premiership.

A high-leaping ruck-man, E. O'Keefe (West Perth), topped the Western Australian poll. O'Keefe is so likable that he has not missed a match for five years. L. Bennett (Longford) won the Tasmanian Shields trophy in the Island State, Tasmania, where stocky Jack Mettrel's resourceful forward play assisted North Hobart to win their seventh title.

Most Spectacular Baseball Match

By WARREN BROWN.
(In the Cosmopolitan Magazine.)

In describing the most spectacular baseball game viewed by this particular pair of eyes, it might be well to begin with a sensational statement. Babe Ruth was not in it.

The game was the fifth of the 1920 World Series, played at Cleveland on October 10 and won by the Cleveland team, 8 to 1, from Brooklyn.

One-sided? Well, perhaps. But down through the years it lingers as the hell-roaringest ball game I've ever watched.

Brooklyn and Cleveland had won a pair of games each, as they came into this critical fifth engagement.

The Dodgers, led by that lovable character, the late Wilbert (Uncle Robbie) Robinson, and the Indians, managed by one of the greatest outfielders of all time, the Gray Eagle, Tris Speaker, were prepared to fire the best they had into the battle.

As his convincer, Uncle Robbie chose Burleigh Grimes, who had topped the National League pitchers of the 1920 season. Not to be outdone, Speaker came back with Jim Bagby, American League pitcher leader, whose record of 31 victories seemed to fix his place in the hurling sun. This game well might be the turning point in the Series. Everyone sensed that.

Baseball fans have a fine sense of values and are generally prepared for anything, but the wildest dream of any one of the frenzied fans crowding into the Cleveland Park that October day could hardly have fitted him for what he was soon to witness.

Bagby disposed of the Dodgers in jig time in the first inning, and the home team came to bat, with the crowd, largely Cleveland partisans, whooping it up as Grimes began to pitch.

Jamieson, the Indians' lead-off man, slashed away at one of Grimes' tosses. The ball, sharply hit, was handled—no, it wasn't!—by Konechny, the lumbering first-baseman of the Dodgers.

A hit! One man on. Bill Wambsganss—Wamby for box-score brevity—swung and swung, and fouled and fouled. But finally he lashed one past Sheehan, a rookie filling in at third base for the Dodgers. Two hits! Two men on!

To the vocal uproar of the partisan crowd was added the noise of horns and rattles and cowbells. The Indians were coming! Grimes, the Dodger pitcher, Olson, the scrappy shortstop, and the youngster Sheehan met in mid-diamond for a conference. Obviously Speaker, the next hitter, was going to bunt to sacrifice the runners along. It was Grimes' idea to make Speaker bunt where the ball could be handled rapidly, not to first but to third, for the force-out.

Bases Loaded

The theory was grand, but the execution was a trifle faulty. Speaker bunted. Grimes rushed in and fielded the ball, but even as he did, his spiked shoes slipped and he sat down abruptly on the sod. From that ungraceful position the Dodger pitcher tried desperately to throw out the flying Speaker. Too late! The bases were filled! And a man named Smith was advancing to the plate.

Any kind of hit would score a run. A fair-sized single would score two. Even a long fly would bring in one run, putting the Indians out in front.

The man named Smith, a left-handed hitter, flashed a ball. "Smith's bat met it with a round-house wallop. Up, up and out sailed the ball. Far beyond the view of all of the 26,884 present. Over the fence! A home run! With the bases filled!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in World Series history. Nothing like that was to happen again until 16 years later, when Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees hit a homer with all the sacks occupied in the 1936 World Series.

Wild seems a tame expression for the conduct of that crowd as one, two, three, four white-uniformed Indians trotted around the bases, and the score stood 4 to 0 in favour of Cleveland. But as an Al Jolson might well have predicted, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Elmer Smith's homer with the bases filled was a terrific blow to Grimes and the Dodgers. But they kept fighting back. In the fourth they were near normalcy and really looked as if they were go-

ing somewhere against Bagby. Then came the second shock.

Pitcher's Circuit Clout

In their half of the fourth, the Indians placed Johnston on third base, and the Dodgers decided in the interests of peace and quiet that it would be wise to walk O'Neill, the Cleveland catcher and a dangerous hitter, and pick on Bagby, who was reputed no Ty Cobb with the flail.

That, too, was a good idea for the moment. No longer!

All Bagby did was swing on the first pitch and deposit it out in the temporary bleachers which filled part of right-centrefield.

A home run! A home run with two on base. A home run by a pitcher!

You might imagine that this was the final blow to the Brooklyn cause. It wasn't! In a sense, it was only a preliminary.

Up to the plate for their half of the fifth stormed the Dodgers. Kilduff, their second baseman, batted a single to left. Miller, their catcher, ditto. Two hits. Two men on. Now, we're getting somewhere!

The next batsman was Mitchell, the pitcher who had replaced Grimes shortly after Bagby's homer had convinced Uncle Robbie that this wasn't Burleigh's day. Unlike most pitchers, Mitchell was no sucker hitter, but in all his long career he hit no other

baseball with the devastating effect to his own side as this effort.

Triple Play Unassisted

He took a free swing at one of Bagby's choicest, and the ball shot out on a line between Wambsganss and second base. Wamby dashed over, stuck out his gloved hand and speared the ball in the air.

Kilduff, away with the crack of the bat, had no chance to get back to second. Wamby's rush carried him the few steps necessary to touch second. Two out! A double play! But the worst was yet to come.

The ponderous Miller, running toward second base with his head down and as if his life depended upon it, was unable to reverse himself, as a more agile man might have done. Wamby whirled, prepared to throw to first base, and changed his mind, thereby moving himself into Baseball's Hall of Fame. Instead of throwing the ball, he went forth as a one man reception committee to meet the oncoming Miller, tagged him, and the "Triple play, Wamby, unassisted," went into the scorebooks!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in a World Series. Nothing like that has ever happened since.

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CANADIAN SPORTSMEN RESPOND TO CALL

CANADIAN SPORTSMEN, LIKE THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, HAVE RESPONDED GALLANTLY TO THE CALL TO THE COLOURS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA.

EMPIRE BOXING AFTER THE WAR

Taking what may seem an extremely long view, the National Sporting Club, looking to future boxing intends to hold a tournament for the British Empire boxing championships at the end of the war.

John Harding, the N.S.C. manager, stated that competitions would be held at all weights.

"A similar tournament was held at the end of the last war," he said, "and it proved a great success. It will be a golden opportunity for our overseas troops to take part. Many of them have already proved their boxing skill in minor competitions."—Reuter.

Perhaps two of the best known, now both serving overseas, are Ross "Sandy" Somerville, six times Canadian Amateur Golf Champion and winner of the American Amateur title in 1932, and Johnny Learing, the Olympic and Empire Games runner.

Another Olympic athlete is Cliff Bricker, and among the lawn tennis players is Willard "Bill" Creeker, many times Canadian singles champion.

Prominent Boxers

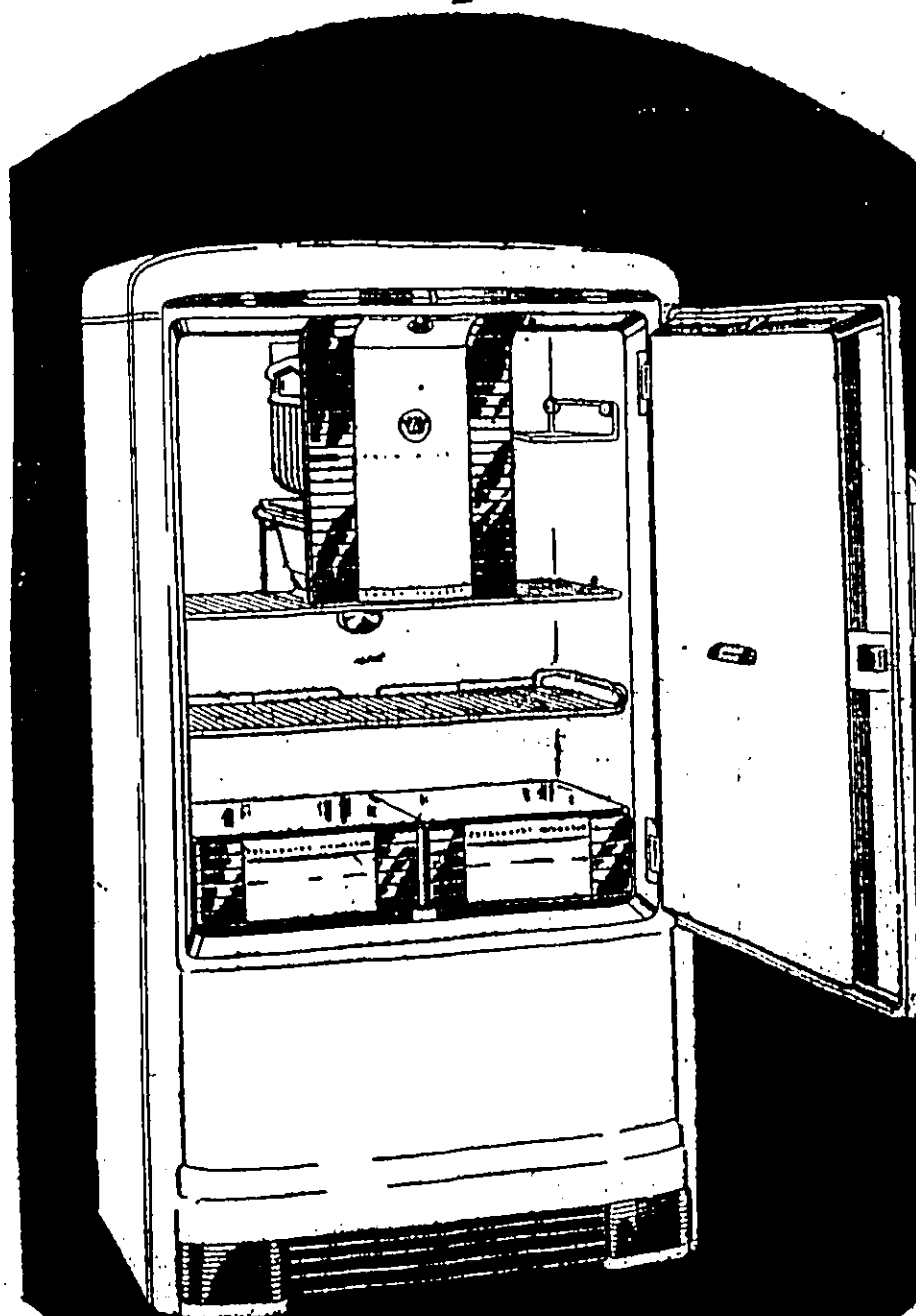
Among the more prominent boxers who have joined up are Orville Drouillard (Windsor, Ontario), Billy Townsend (Vancouver), Tommy Bland (Toronto) and Bobby Leitham (Montreal), all former professional champions at their respective weights.

Ross Galloway, a former amateur champion, is in the Royal Canadian Navy, and a boxer who was favourite a decade ago, Soldier Jones (Toronto), is in the Medical Corps.

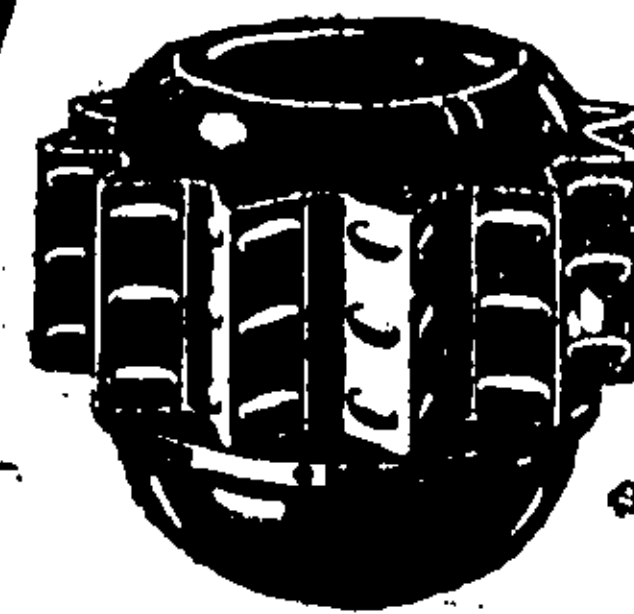
The first Canadian athlete reported to have given his life for his country is Flying Officer Richard Ball, of Montreal, who was in the R.A.F.

He died in a German prison camp.—Reuter.

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EIRE BOMBED FOR SECOND NIGHT

Eire was bombed last night for the second successive night when three bombs fell near Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

No damage was done and nobody was injured.—Reuter.

ANOTHER GOEBBELS' BLUNDER

Yet another German propaganda-blunder was revealed in London yesterday.

In a recent communique, the Nazis claimed that during a raid on Britain a gas-holder exploded.

Unfortunately for the Nazis, the type of gas-holder used in Britain does not explode. The worst that could happen is for the escaping gas to ignite, but the flames would not spread and local residents need have no fears.

On the other hand, many of the

BRITAIN IS TO take immediate steps to deal with the danger from incendiary bombs following the big fire raid on London on Sunday night.

The Prime Minister has approved the immediate establishment of a special organisation, to be called the Fire Prevention Executive, to secure prompt and vigorous action by various Government departments and authorities concerned in applying effective measures of fire prevention in target areas.

GREECE'S 1941 RESOLUTION

"WE BEGIN 1941 WITH THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH UNTIL THE ENEMY HAS BEEN EXTERMINATED," DECLARED GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE GREEK PEOPLE.

General Metaxas added: "We begin 1941 in the knowledge that our struggle will be long and hard and that we shall suffer, but we are determined we will endure all in order to bring our struggle to a conclusion worthy of our Greece." — Reuter.

German gas-holders are of the waterless type in which pressure is maintained by a piston inside the holder.

Damage to the casing or piston of a German gas-holder might lead to air mixing with the gas, with the possibility of a real disaster. — Reuter.

The new organisation, which will include responsible representatives of all Government departments concerned with the many aspects of the problem of fire prevention, will work in close association with the Minister of Home Security.

There will be the fullest possible delegation responsible to regions and to smaller areas within regions, and appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of work in Scotland.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. W. S. Morrison, will preside over meetings of the new Executive.

Apportioning Tasks

The new Committee will apportion the task of fire-watching.

The Ministry of Aircraft Production, the Ministry of Supply and the Admiralty are among those whose special responsibility will be for their own factories.

The Ministry of Home Security will assume special responsibility for all buildings, public private and industrial, which do not come within the scope of other departments, and the homes of the whole civilian population will come under its wing.—Reuter.

BRITAIN HITS BACK HARD

(Continued from Page 1)
R.A.F. pilots reported formidable anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

Over Before Midnight

The raid began about an hour after nightfall and although overwhelming in effect was over before midnight.

Cloud and weather conditions on the way out were bad but over Bremen the cloud were driven so quickly by the wind that no target was hidden for long and for all practical purposes it was clear.

It was the rice and starch mills which some pilots found burning so fiercely throughout the whole structure that they judged it unnecessary to ravage what was already ruin.

Pilots who attacked these mills reported eight large fires broke out and eventually came together in one great conflagration which could still be seen when the crews had crossed the Dutch frontier on the way home.

Shipyards Ablaze

At several shipbuilding yards both docks and buildings were repeatedly hit by heavy high explosive bombs and when a thousand incendiaries fell on two of these yards nothing could be seen but a sheet of fire so brilliant and of such uniform intensity that bursts of high explosive bombs could not be distinguished amongst the flames.

The Atlas shipbuilding yards were also ablaze and a whole line of warehouses besides number two harbour was alight.

The Focke-Wulf airframe factory was on fire when one pilot arrived over it. His bombs splashed into the blaze and very soon afterwards there were six explosions which could not possibly be mistaken for actual bursts of bombs.

The Deutsche vacuum oil refinery was badly damaged and the railways of Bremen were hit again and again.

Factories beside one railway line were gutted and wreckage could be seen very plainly.

One or two enemy aircraft were seen wandering ineffectively over the town.—British Wireless.



Firemen fighting fires off Chancery Lane, one of the centres of the legal profession, during a recent raid.

STOP PRESS

TOKYO'S ENVOY FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, who is now semi-officially confirmed to be the first Japanese Minister to Australia, told reporters in Tokyo to-day: "I have much to learn about Australia. However I will do whatever I can within my power to tighten the bonds of friendship and increase trade between Japan and Australia." — Reuter.

POLISH PREMIER'S MESSAGE

General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, has received the following wire from the King in reply to a cable with New Year's wishes: "Deeply touched by your kind wire. Please accept my very best wishes for yourself and your gallant forces whose valuable contribution and determination in our mutual struggle I always follow with the keenest interest." — British Wireless.

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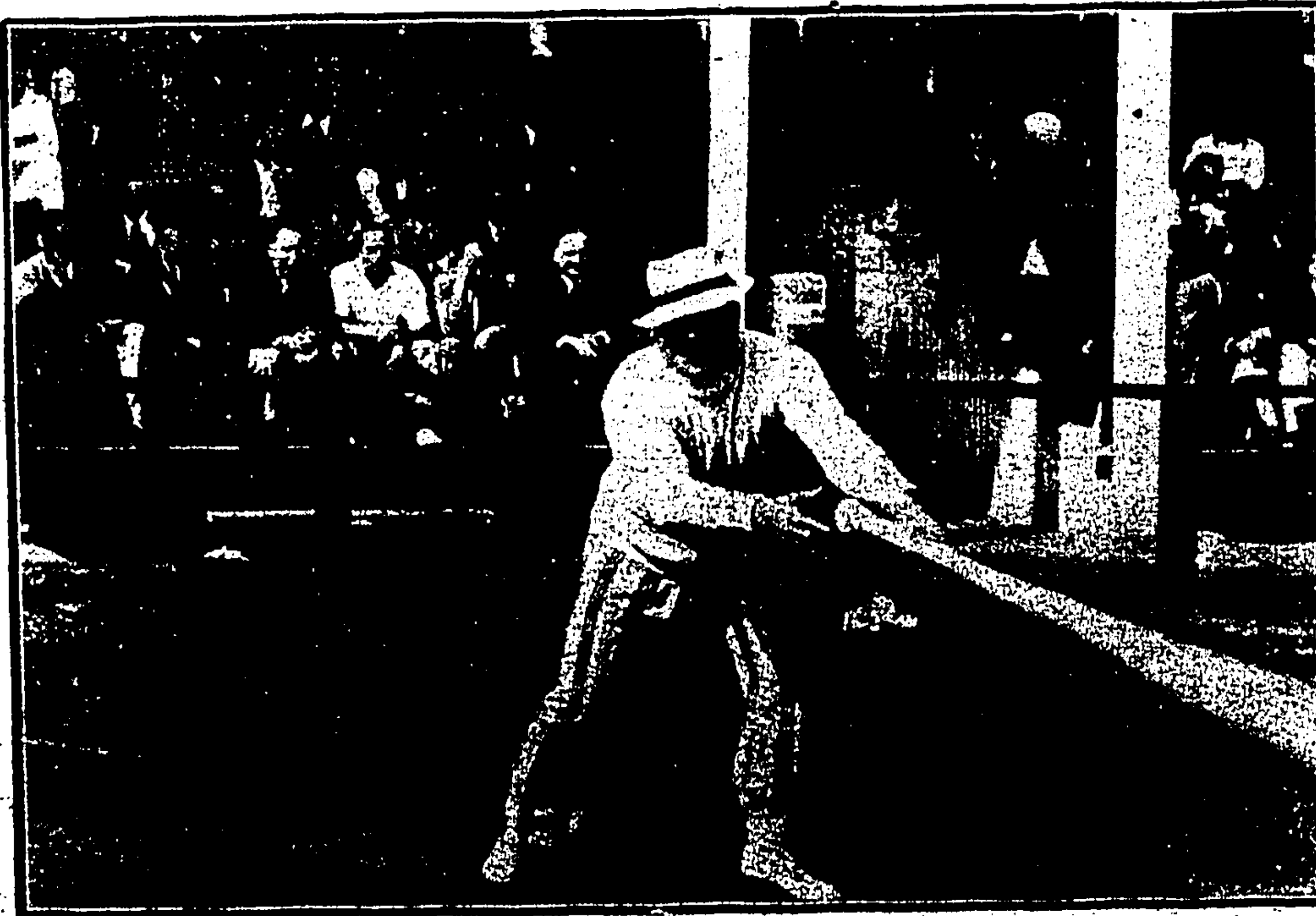
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Kops In Holiday Mood



The "Kowloon Kops" and the women's team, who gave an amusing display of softball in the cause of charity at the Kowloon Football Ground on Boxing Day.



Penfold of the Kowloon Kops swings a big stick at the charity softball match against a women's team on December 26th.



Bettie of the Kowloon Kops—cocking the pill.

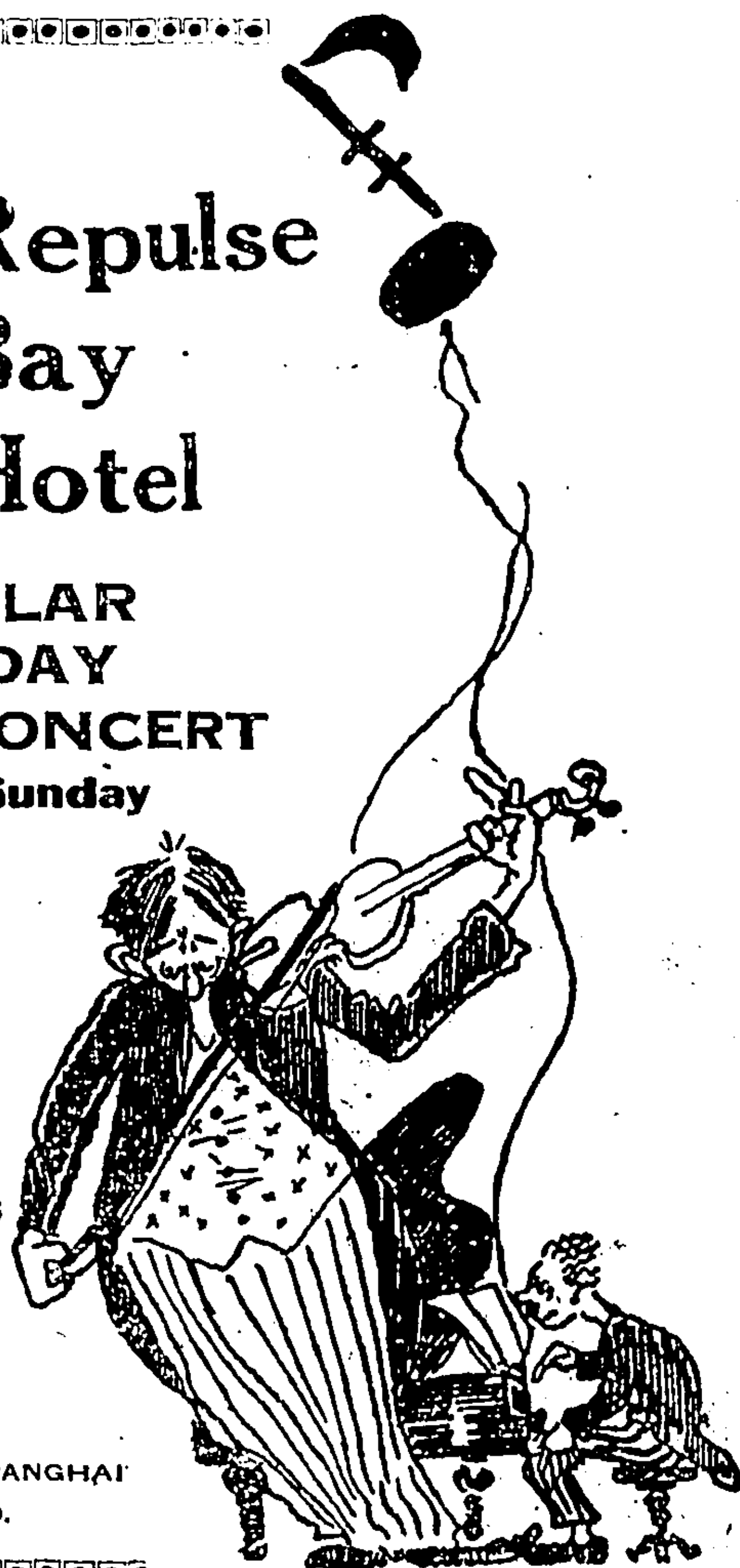


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SLICK TIM

By ROLAND DANIEL

PERHAPS it was a coincidence that the charming little flat above the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank should be let on the same day as the rich American, Silas Meagan, rented the old Court House in the same Hampshire village.

The managers of the bank as a rule lived in the flat above, but it happened that the new manager was married to a woman of means who desired a house with a garden, so the flat became to let, and being above and belonging to the bank naturally only a person of the highest integrity and with the best of references was allowed to lease it.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were such people. They came from the Midlands. Davis purported to be a retired draper and produced references from two clergymen, as well as one lady of title, quite satisfactory from head office point of view. So the flat was let to them and about three days after they had moved in the new owner of the Old Court House strolled into the bank and stated he desired to open an account.

"Mr. Silas Meagan—that's the American who has just taken the Old Court House, isn't it?" said the manager to his clerk.

"Yes, sir," replied his subordinate.

"Must be a very wealthy man, I expect he just desires a small current account for running expenses. Well, it will be something to have his name on our books. Show him in."

"Mr. Humphreys will see you in his private office, Mr. Meagan," informed the clerk, and led the potential customer to the door of that sanctuary.

"Mr. Meagan?" said the manager.

"Sure, that's right—Silas Meagan, late of Denver City, U.S.A., come over the pond to settle down in the peaceful countryside of an English village."

"My name is Humphreys. I'm the manager here. Pleased to meet you, Mr. Meagan. My clerk informed me you wish to open an account with our bank?"

"That's about the size of it, Mr. Humphreys."

"I take it—er—just a small current account to meet running expenses?"

"Small? Say, hell! I don't know if you call thirty thousand pounds small, but from the size of this here joint and your one assistant outside, I wouldn't imagine you did."

"I have another clerk, Mr. Meagan. He, unfortunately, is away ill at the moment. Also we have some quite good names on our books. One or two of the best county people have an account here."

The manager felt he must endeavour to make a favourable impression. An account of £30,000 would be a feather in his cap at head office. The Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern dealt mostly with small farmers, the tradesmen of the village, and a few small county accounts, kept just for the convenience of these folk who might suddenly find themselves short of ready cash. Mr. Silas Meagan had sprung a surprise by the enormity of the amount he had mentioned. He was to spring another the next moment.

"Say, I've got the money all in notes outside in my car. If you are willing to take charge right now I'll fetch it in."

Mr. Humphreys beamed.

"I shall be only too delighted to take charge, Mr. Meagan. I will get your paying-in slip ready on your return." And as the American left his office, the manager rang his bell. "Parsons," to the clerk. "Mr. Meagan is opening an account for £30,000. He is paying the whole sum over to us now in cash. I shall require you to take it into Winchester this afternoon and hand it over to the branch there. I should not rest to-night knowing we had such a sum in our safe here."

There was no strong room at the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern; just a large safe. Rarely, if ever, had it been necessary for the Sowbury branch to have more than five or six hundred pounds to meet the immediate demands of its customers.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, do you keep this money in your vaults here?" asked Mr. Silas Meagan, after the amount had been paid over.

Mr. Humphreys explained there were no vaults at the Sowbury branch, and his intention of sending Mr. Meagan's £30,000 into

Winchester that afternoon, to be handed over to the care of their branch in that town.

"Of course you quite understand, Mr. Meagan, this is only a small place and it is rarely that any of my customers make demands for more than a hundred pounds at a time."

"You bet I get you. Say, I've only been in Sowbury about a week, but I guess it's a cock-eyed joint all right."

Mr. Humphreys was not quite sure he understood what a cock-eyed joint was, but he imagined it was not meant as a complimentary term to Sowbury.

"Now, Mr. Humphreys, should I at any time require to draw the whole of that sum out, you'll want notice, I guess?"

"A clear day would be sufficient, Mr. Meagan, but I trust we shall not be losing your custom."

"Never know," Mr. Silas Meagan rose to his feet. "Guess I'm what you call eccentric. Maybe one morning I'll get up and say to myself, 'The U.S.A. is calling me.' Why, what do I do then? I'll tell the world I'm packed and on my way within forty-eight hours."

Mr. Humphreys trusted his new customer would not exercise his eccentric desire to return to the home of his fathers before Head Office had had time to realise the fact that given a chance, he was as capable of securing wealthy customers as any other manager. Mr. Humphreys desired an appointment to a town branch of the Northern and Southern; Mrs. Humphreys did not like country life, a fact which was the source of considerable contention between them.

The weeks passed and turned themselves into months, and four of these had sped before anything exciting had happened at Sowbury.

Mr. Humphreys had been congratulated on securing so wealthy a customer as Silas Meagan, especially as the American seemed content to allow his £30,000 to remain at the bank. Strangely enough, since the day of his first visit he had not set foot on the bank's premises. The Davises, who had the flat above, turned out to be a very quiet couple, keeping themselves to themselves, paying their bills regularly and causing no annoyance to anyone, just as it should be.

"I believe it won't be long now before I get my promotion to a town branch," said Mr. Humphreys to his wife one morning.

"I trust you're right," replied that lady. "This village life is about killing me."

Mr. Humphreys kissed his wife, assured her she would not be buried alive much longer, then departed for his office, to discover to his surprise Silas Meagan's car waiting outside those premises.

"Mr. Meagan is waiting to see you," informed one of his two clerks.

"I saw his car outside," replied Mr. Humphreys. "Show him in here at once." "I trust he has come to make another large payment of cash," he thought to himself.

But Silas Meagan had come on a contrary errand, and he informed the manager of the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank of that fact in few words.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, that call has come," he announced as he entered.

Mr. Humphreys, who had forgotten, said: "The call, Mr. Meagan?"

"The call to return to my native home," replied the American. "Say, don't you remember my telling you it might come one day? Well, it has come and I'm sailing for the U.S.A. to-morrow afternoon. I want my £30,000; I have my cheque already written out."

Mr. Humphreys felt a great disappointment at the loss of his customer, but, after all, the man could do as he liked, and if he felt he preferred to live in America, that was his affair.

"I have not such a sum on the premises," he said. "I shall have to send in to our head office at Winchester."

"Sure, I understand. You explained that when I opened my account. Guess I can have it by ten o'clock to-morrow morning; that will give me time to get to Southampton to catch my boat."

"I will send one of my clerks for the money this afternoon."

"Look here, Mr. Humphreys, I ain't what you'd call a sociable fellow, but as I'm leaving here to-morrow perhaps you and Mrs. Humphreys will be so good as to dine with me this evening?"

Now Mr. Humphreys might have refused this invitation had it not been for the fact that he felt an evening out would possibly appease the temper of his lady when she heard his wealthy customer had decided to depart.

"Both Mrs. Humphreys and myself will be delighted to dine with you this evening," he replied, adding: "Perhaps you would like me to bring the money along with me?"

"No, no," came hastily from Mr. Meagan. "I have no safe up at the Old Court House, and it will be O.K. in your's for to-night. I will collect in the morning at 10 o'clock."

It was a very pleasant evening the Humphreys spent with Silas Meagan. He proved himself to be a most entertaining host.

"A pity we haven't had an invitation to go up there before," remarked Mrs. Humphreys on their way home.

Mr. Humphreys was the first at the bank the following morning. He had felt particularly pleased with himself on his walk from his house through the village, owing to the fact Mrs. Humphreys had been exceedingly delightful at breakfast. It was not until he had put the key in the lock and swung the bank door open that he had a feeling something was wrong. A sort of cold shiver ran down his spine.

He glanced round; everything seemed in perfect order. Taking the letters from the letter-box, he proceeded to his private office.

"Now, I wonder what gave me that absurd feeling?" he thought to himself. Then, as he opened the door of his sanctum he knew. The whole interior of the room was a chaotic mess. Plaster of Paris lumps of wood littered his desk and the floor.

He looked upwards. Good heavens! the ceiling had fallen down—the ceiling which divided his office from the Davis' sitting-room. There was a great gaping hole. Now what on earth?

His heart gave a thump of apprehension. His eyes caught sight of the floor boards above. This had been no accident—those boards had been deliberately sawn through.

Not pausing for another second's investigation in his own office, he flew into the outer one and across to the corner where stood the safe. His worst fears were confirmed. The door of it stood wide open, twisted into a fantastical shape by the heat of the oxy-acetylene torches which had been applied.

The books were still in their places, but the £30,000 in cash belonging to Silas Meagan, and the odd monies they had taken the previous day, were gone.

He had already informed the village constable on the telephone and was speaking on that same instrument to his branch at Winchester when his clerk, Parsons, came in.

"Good heavens! sir, what has happened? You look as white as a sheet," exclaimed the clerk.

Mr. Humphreys explained what he had discovered on entering the bank.

"Have you been up to see if the Davises are in, sir?" enquired Parsons.

Mr. Humphreys shook his head. "There hasn't been time. You had better go up, Parsons, though I fear the worst. It was from their sitting-room the entrance was gained. They must have been at work on the floor above for some time. Good God! Parsons, what will Head Office say?"

"They can't blame you, sir. The Davises had excellent references. By the way, you have not forgotten Mr. Meagan will be here at ten o'clock for his money? He is sailing for America this afternoon."

"No Parsons, I have not forgotten. Our Winchester office is sending along another thirty thousand, also an inspector and detectives to investigate this matter will be accompanying whoever brings the money."

It was the same information Mr. Humphreys gave to Silas Meagan when he arrived at ten o'clock.

"Say, but this is a real bust up, Mr. Humphreys," commented the American, as he surveyed the debacle in that man's office. "Guess those two people who took the flat above here were a pair of real clever rogues."

It was nearly half-past ten before the manager of the Winchester Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank, accompanied by an inspector and two plain-clothes

men, arrived at Sowbury by car. "Mr. Norton, have you got that money?" Mr. Silas Meagan is raising Cain. Says if he misses his boat to America he'll hold us responsible for any delay, was the greeting of the Sowbury branch manager to the Winchester one.

"Yes, I have the money here all in cash as directed. This is a terrible affair, Mr. Humphreys. However, we will discuss it after you have seen Mr. Meagan. By the way, where is he?"

"In his car outside."

"Then go and give him his thirty thousand pounds and when you come back we'll go into this matter of the robbery. I've brought with me an inspector and two plain-clothes detectives from Winchester."

Now it happened directly after Mr. Humphreys had handed to the American the £30,000 which closed his account at the Northern and Southern Bank, there walked out of the Red Lion Hotel, which was nearly opposite, a rather under-sized, insignificant, red-headed little man, who was about to step into a powerful-looking two-seater car, when with one foot on the running-board he hesitated.

"Gosh! Well, I'll be damned!" he muttered to himself. Then glancing across at the place from which the car had started, he took his foot off the running-board and hurried over the road. In the Northern and Southern Bank he was greeted by Parsons, the clerk.

"Who was that man who just left from outside here in a big Rolls-Royce car?" he asked.

Parsons looked at the questioner with some suspicion, then replied: "A Mr. Meagan, Mr. Silas Meagan, the American millionaire." "American—hell!" muttered the little man, then as his eyes caught sight of the wrecked safe in the far corner, "Had some trouble here?" he asked.

Parsons bridled. He looked as if he was going to be exceedingly rude. He had never seen the little man who was questioning him before and he did not particularly like the look of him. He opened his mouth to say something nasty, but was prevented from doing so by the entrance from the private office of his manager and the inspector of the Winchester police.

The inspector glanced quickly towards the little under-sized man and his eyes opened wide with a look of astonishment. He stepped forward, exclaiming as he did so: "Well, of all the last persons in this world I expected to see, you are one of them."

The two men shook hands. The inspector turned to the manager of the bank.

"Mr. Humphreys, this is Chief Detective Inspector Walk from Scotland Yard," he said, then to the little man: "Well, what on earth are you doing in Hampshire?"

"I'm on my way to Plymouth to make some investigations into a suspected case of murder," replied the little man. "I stopped to have a cup of tea at the 'Red Lion' over the road. As I came out of that hostelry I happened to see—but that doesn't matter for the moment. Tell me, are you having some trouble here?"

The inspector explained the situation as briefly as possible. Chief Detective Inspector Walk turned to the manager, and there was the slightest trace of a twinkle in his eye as he asked:

"And the fellow who banked that thirty thousand with you gave his name as Silas Meagan of America?" and as the manager nodded his head, "And those two persons who took the flat above, can you describe what they were like?"

The bewildered Mr. Humphreys gave quite a vivid description. Detective Inspector Walk grinned widely.

"Davis? Hell!" he muttered. "Joe Lee and his paramour, Flash Kate."

Mr. Humphreys gasped. He wasn't at all sure what the little red-headed man was talking about, but he was sure he didn't like the name Flash Kate. Walk turned to the inspector:

"And I take it the fellow who drove away from here just now in a Rolls-Royce was the man who has been calling himself Silas Meagan?"

The inspector looked towards the Bank Manager for confirmation—that man nodded his head.

"Ah!" muttered Walk. "Silas Meagan, eh? Well, let me tell you he's no American. His real name is Tim O'Brien—Slick Tim we call him. He is the brains partner of Joe Lee and Flash Kate. Hood-winked the lot of you down here, and has got away with a cool thirty thousand. Clever! You bet your sweet life Slick is clever, only this time I guess I'll get him. Mr. Humphreys, get your clerk to put a call through for me to Scotland Yard."

A puzzled expression came to the bank manager's face.

"But he isn't going to London," he said. "He is sailing for America."

A broad grin spread over Walk's face.

"That's what he told you, America? Why Slick wouldn't dare go to America, the police over there are simply itching to get their hands on him. No, Slick is making for London; we've got to get him before he can make his hide-out. Have you got that call through?" the last question to Parsons who came striding up.

"Yes, Inspector."

"Good. Might have come off if I hadn't stopped at the 'Red Lion' for that cup of tea," and Detective Inspector Walk made for the telephone.



"I'm forever blowing kisses to you from the 'Metropole' Argus."

Would Commonwealth Cabinet Work?

SOMEONE started a clamour for an Imperial War Cabinet, and it has been taken up by many organs of the press both in Britain and in the overseas Empire.

On the surface, it is a project with much to recommend it. This is a war, not of Britain alone, aided by subordinate countries, but of a group of independent nations within the British Commonwealth, equal in status and therefore equally entitled to a voice in the higher conduct of the war. The Dominions, it is felt by many people in Britain, could bring a fresh outlook, new ideas, youthful energies to Whitehall. Moreover, the war is now being fought on terrain of vital geographical importance to the Dominions and India, in the Middle East and in Africa; and there are backdoors on the Pacific which are of equal moment to them. Surely then it is only right that they should have a full voice in the daily decisions on strategy and diplomacy which may determine their fate as nations.

So runs the argument, and very strong it seems. But its exponents usually forget two very important lessons, both of which

might be drawn from the experience of the Imperial War Cabinet in 1917 and 1918.

The Problem Of Personnel

In the first place, it proved very difficult to bring that Imperial War Cabinet together and to

By Britannicus

maintain it in being with anything near to continuity. There were two sessions in 1917, and it did not meet again until after the Armistice.

The more important the Dominion statesman, the more he was needed in his own country. As a series of ad hoc Imperial Conferences, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a success. As a Cabinet, it must be counted a failure.

This question of personnel is vital. It explains much of the present coolness of Dominion Governments towards proposals to revive the Imperial War Cabinet. An outstanding Dominion Premier, like General Smuts, on whom a great burden of national government falls, cannot forsake for long his post in his own country. If a Minister other than the Premier represents a Dominion on the Imperial War Cabinet, one of two things is likely to happen: either he becomes more powerful than the Prime Minister—an extremely dangerous political situation—or he becomes little more than a permanent quasi-diplomatic representative in London, unable to speak authoritatively without instructions or reference back. It is small wonder that the Dominions have been well content to be represented, for day-to-day consultations in Whitehall, by their High Commissioners, trained and trusted quasi-diplomats. The daily meetings of the Dominion High Commissioners in London with the Secretary of State

for Dominion Affairs constitute, in effect, a shadow Imperial Conference in permanent session.

The Problem Of Responsibility

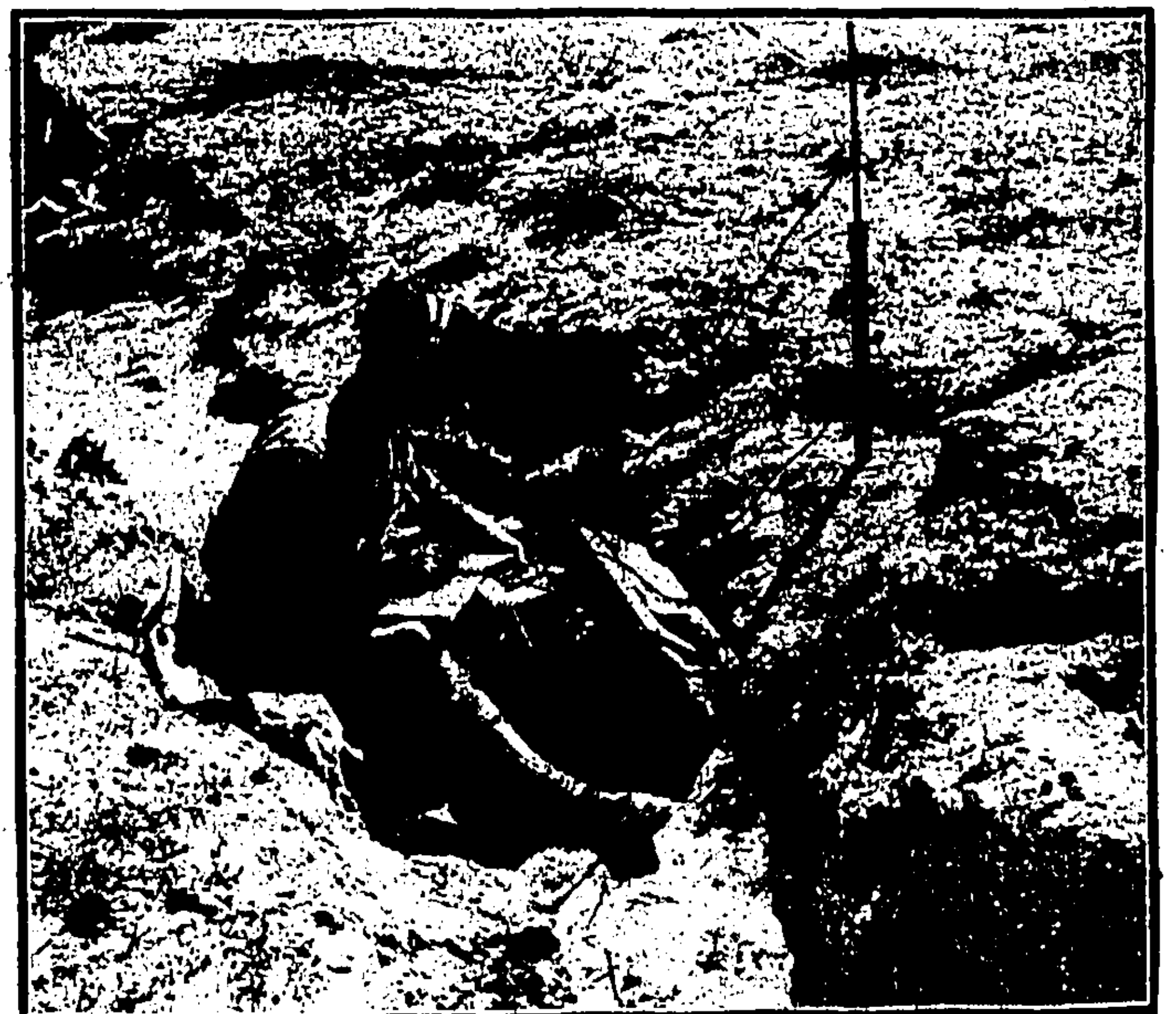
In the second place, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a failure as a Cabinet, because the essence of Cabinet Government is the collective responsibility of the Cabinet as a whole. In war-time, when all effort is bent on the single goal of winning the war, this almost inevitably means subordinating individual ministerial responsibility to loyalty to a powerful Prime Minister like Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the British Commonwealth of Nations of Statute-of-Westminster days, these conditions of Cabinet Government cannot be fulfilled. There can be no collective responsibility because there is no supreme Parliament to which the collective body could be responsible. There are five separate responsibilities to five separate and independent Parliaments. The personal domination of a single chairman, a kind of Prime Minister for the whole Empire, would be a denial of Dominion autonomy, not a tribute to it.

Those who demand an Imperial War Cabinet surely make the old mistake of trying to apply the methods of the last war to the winning of this one. On the contrary, the greatest merit of the British Commonwealth system is its flexibility, which enables it to be readily adapted to new circumstances. This war has already produced practical substitutes for the machinery of the Imperial War Cabinet. It has produced the Delhi Conference, the Dominions' Secretary's daily meetings with High Commissioners, the visits to London of Colonel Reitz and other Dominion Ministers a year ago, General Smuts' meeting with Mr. Eden in Khartoum, and many another piece of working machinery to meet known needs with commonsense solutions based on equality and adjustment.



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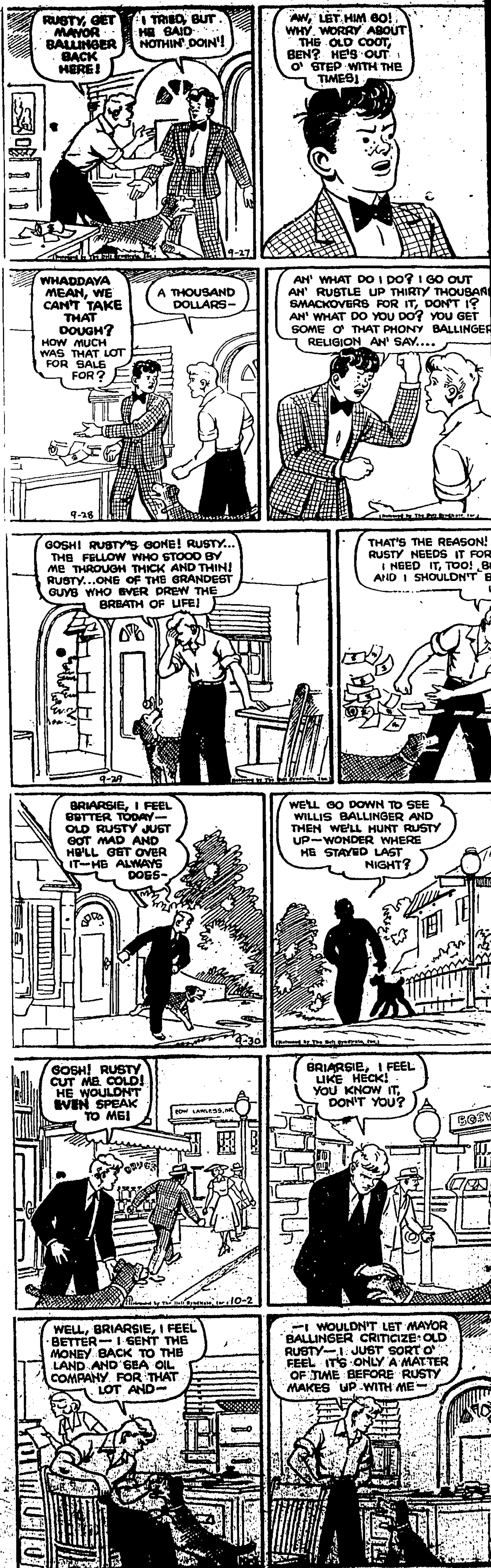
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Chest Firming Exercises

MOST figure flaws could be prevented if young girls would exercise regularly. During their formative years it is necessary to concentrate on excellent posture and to give muscles the workout they require to keep youthfully elastic. This is particularly true about the chest muscles. They should be exercised daily, if possible, so they will hold the bust high in normal, beautiful position, as it develops.

So much can be done to prevent a sagging, flat bustline during formative years and so little can be done to correct such a figure flaw once you mature.

As you know, a pleasing, feminine bustline is very dependent upon good posture, so from the moment you become figure conscious you should endeavour to stand erect, walk with grace and sit and dance with attractive ease. Many schools teach this lesson and woe to the girl who does not benefit by it. When she reaches her figure maturity she will discover unlovely contours which will be difficult to correct.

If you are young, make it a practice to include two or three exercises in your daily routine which will beautify your bustline. The two following ones are offered through the courtesy of the famous New York Salon of



Dorothy Gray, where women go for figure remodeling and reconditioning. You will greatly benefit by these two exercises.

Figure 1

Stand erect, tummy tucked in, the hands in back against the but-

locks, fingers intertwined, palms turned upwards. Then turn the palms downwards still keeping fingers intertwined (as illustrated) but allowing the thumbs to extend freely.

Stretch arms out straight, elbows rigid, and raise them slowly upward to shoulder level being careful to let your head move backwards (not out) as the arms are raised. Do not let the body bend forward because the stretch on the chest muscles will then be lost.

Lower the arms, release the hands to the sides, relax and repeat. There should be a strong pull in the chest and arms with a squeezing of the back muscles.

Figure 2

Stand erect. Raise bent arms to shoulder level. Touch the fingers of one hand with the fingers of the other (as illustrated). Now slowly and steadily press the fingers together and then relax them. The pressure of one hand against the other should begin at the shoulder rather than in the fingers and the arms must be kept high as shoulder level. If done correctly you will feel a contraction of the pectoral muscles (those at the outer side of each bust, under the arm).

When this is done regularly it is most helpful in filling out neck hollows and in developing a pretty, firm bustline.

Gifts All Men Cherish

You needn't go beyond the cosmetic counter for gifts for male relatives and friends. Displayed there are brushes, toiletries and gadgets which all men adore. And these gifts are usually missed by women who rush to a men's department for inspiration.

Brushes, my dears, are always sure bets for pleasing men. Clothes brushes, shaving brushes, hair brushes, nail and tooth brushes (in cases for travelling) and bath brushes. And if you allow time for a burned-in monogram your gift will be doubly cherished, for the ego of man is flattered by a monogram!

Aids in Leather

Another gift winner is a leather toiletries case either bare of fittings, or intelligently fitted. When buying one of these you should consider your man's habits. If he has a few favoured implements of grooming and scorns those which come in a fitted case by all means, buy him an oilskin-lined, leather case large enough to accommodate his favoured aids. But if he likes to have a "travelling set" of aids, you will be a wise lady if you buy a fitted case not too large or too weighed down with unnecessary toiletries and (this is important) with enough free space to throw in two or three indispensable. You will find several such cases this season which merit hurrahs for intelligent designing on the part of the firms which offer them.

I would include in suggestions a pocket comb and nail file in an English pigskin case, a new shaving brush in a self-draining holder (which adds to the life and service of the brush), a folding, compact manicure and pedicure set. Such a set includes sturdy scissors for toe nails, and nippers for cuticle—two aids all men find essential. It pays to get a good nail set for it receives hard usage throughout the years which requires well made scissors, nippers and files.

Toiletries Always

Welcome

Combination sets of shaving and personal grooming aids are out in

all their splendour—and men like them. You must, of course, know if a man uses an electric shaver or a razor in order to select the most appropriate combination. From a consensus the favourite scents are pine, old English lavender or a woody fragrance. Any cosmetic which borders on a floral perfume is usually disliked, so do sniff before buying any soap, after shave lotion, or cologne.

Deodorants and colognes have become established aids to masculine grooming, so if a set includes one or both of these don't hesitate to purchase it. Once a man has either handy he will use it—and too many men neglect to take the precaution of using a deodorant before a dancing evening. Women don't expect them to take this precaution before a day of exercise, but we do want them to realize that it becomes a social requisite when we dance with them!

Protect Child's Teeth

PROPER diet is one of the best aids to good teeth. Right foods go a long way in preventing decay and intelligent mothers should learn which are the right foods.

Dr. Julian Boyd and his associates, the late Dr. Charles Drain, observed for many years that in children under strict dietary control in a children's hospital, dental caries (tooth decay) was arrested within a few months. Extension or initiation of tooth decay could be prevented, and active decay arrested, through the continued ingestion of good diets.

These research physicians recommended a diet consisting chiefly of dairy products, fresh vegetables and fruits, some certain source of Vitamin D, and but few highly refined foods, in order to insure dietary essentials.

For the average child of 5 to 10 years this list of foods was suggested: one quart of milk per day, at least one egg, one serving of meat, fish, chicken or liver; two fresh vegetables, steamed or cooked; one orange, apple or tomato, and one additional fruit; two tablespoons of butter. A diet which included these foods was

found to build up the general health of the children and to arrest the progress of tooth decay in from two to three months.

Even Teen Age Must Be Careful

Tooth decay is apt to increase during the teen ages and apparently the need for protective foods is greater during this period of rapid growth. Milk is the most economical and best food on which to base an adequate diet as it contains an abundance of protective factors necessary for sound teeth and good health. Every girl and boy of teen age should drink at least one quart of the best grade milk every day if not allergic to it. They should also eat many fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese, nuts, honey, meat every other day, fish or fowl intervening days. They should absolutely refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol even though they do consider themselves grown up. Good health in their mature years when good health is appreciated will be their reward for sensible living.

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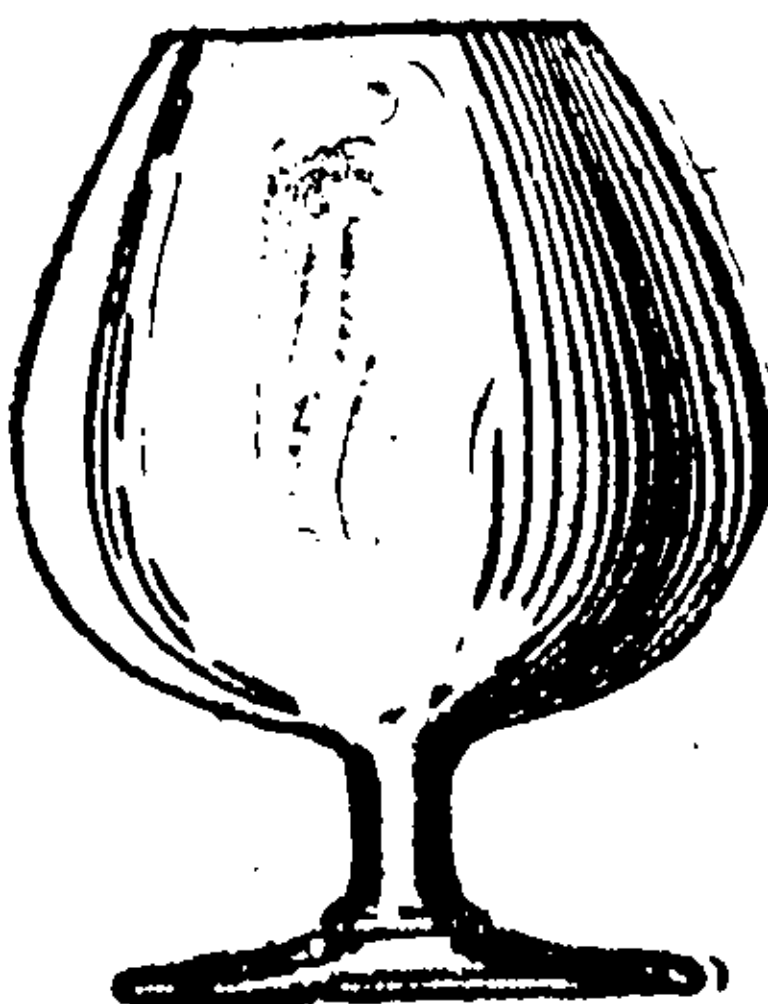
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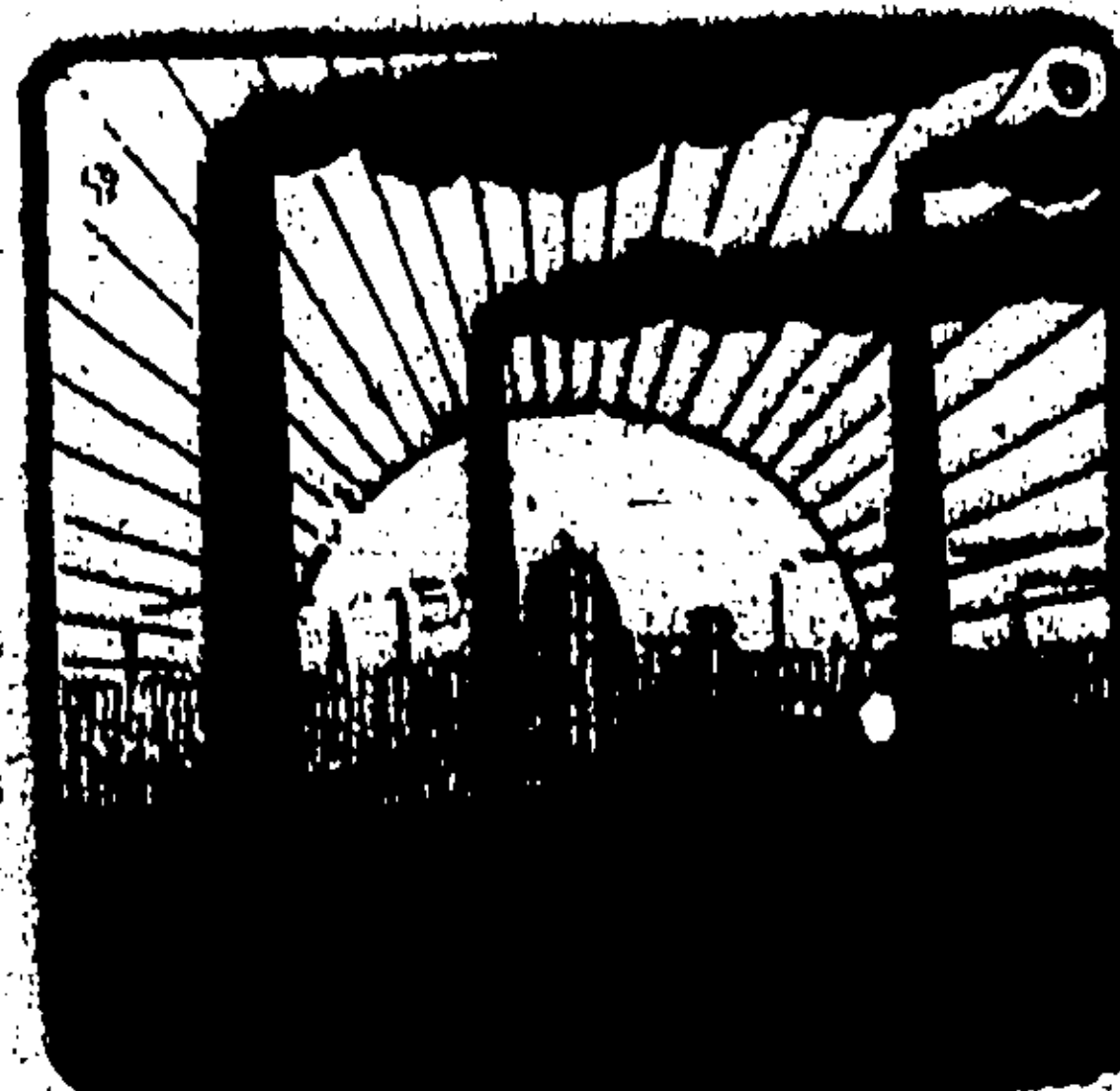
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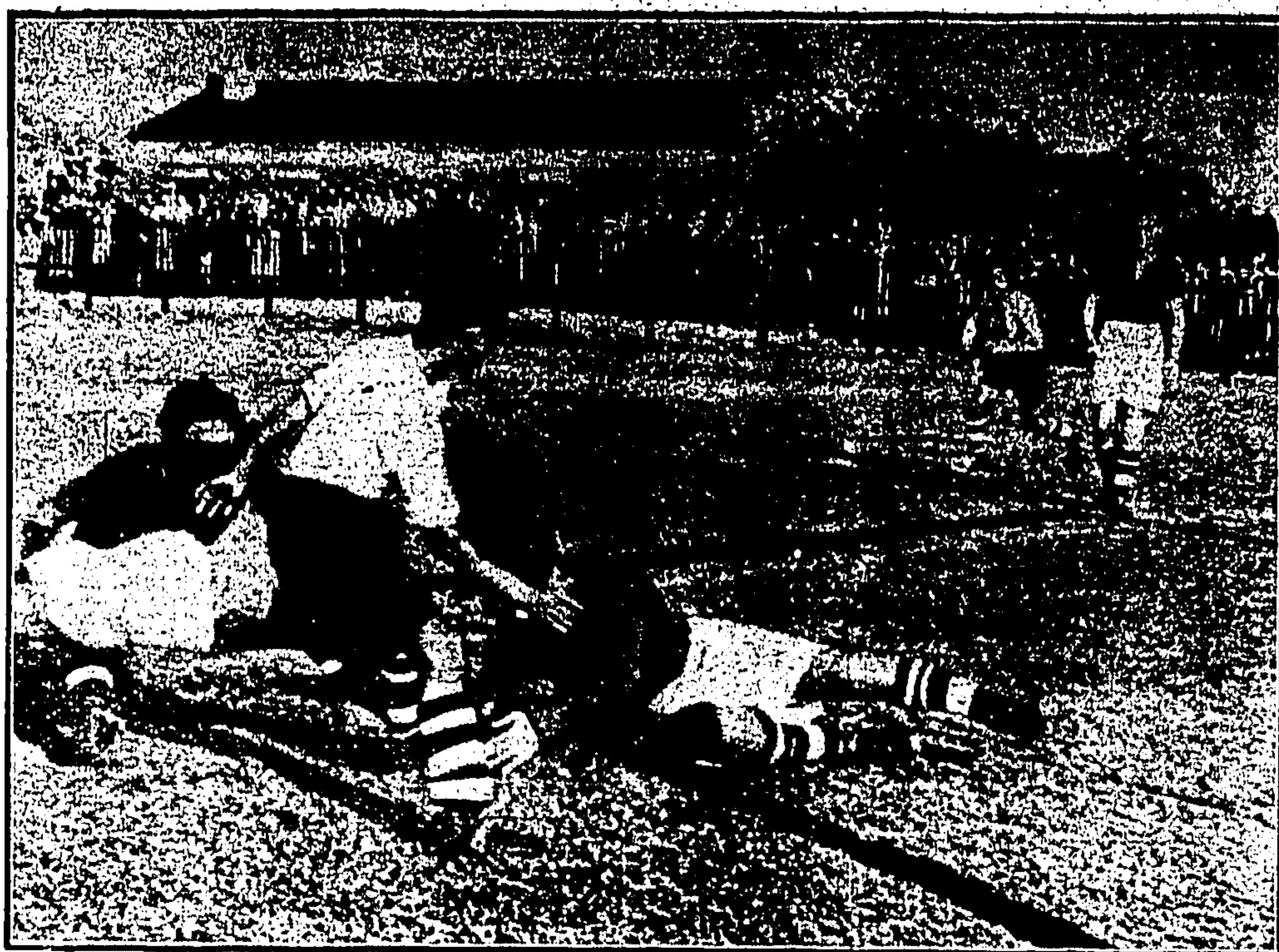
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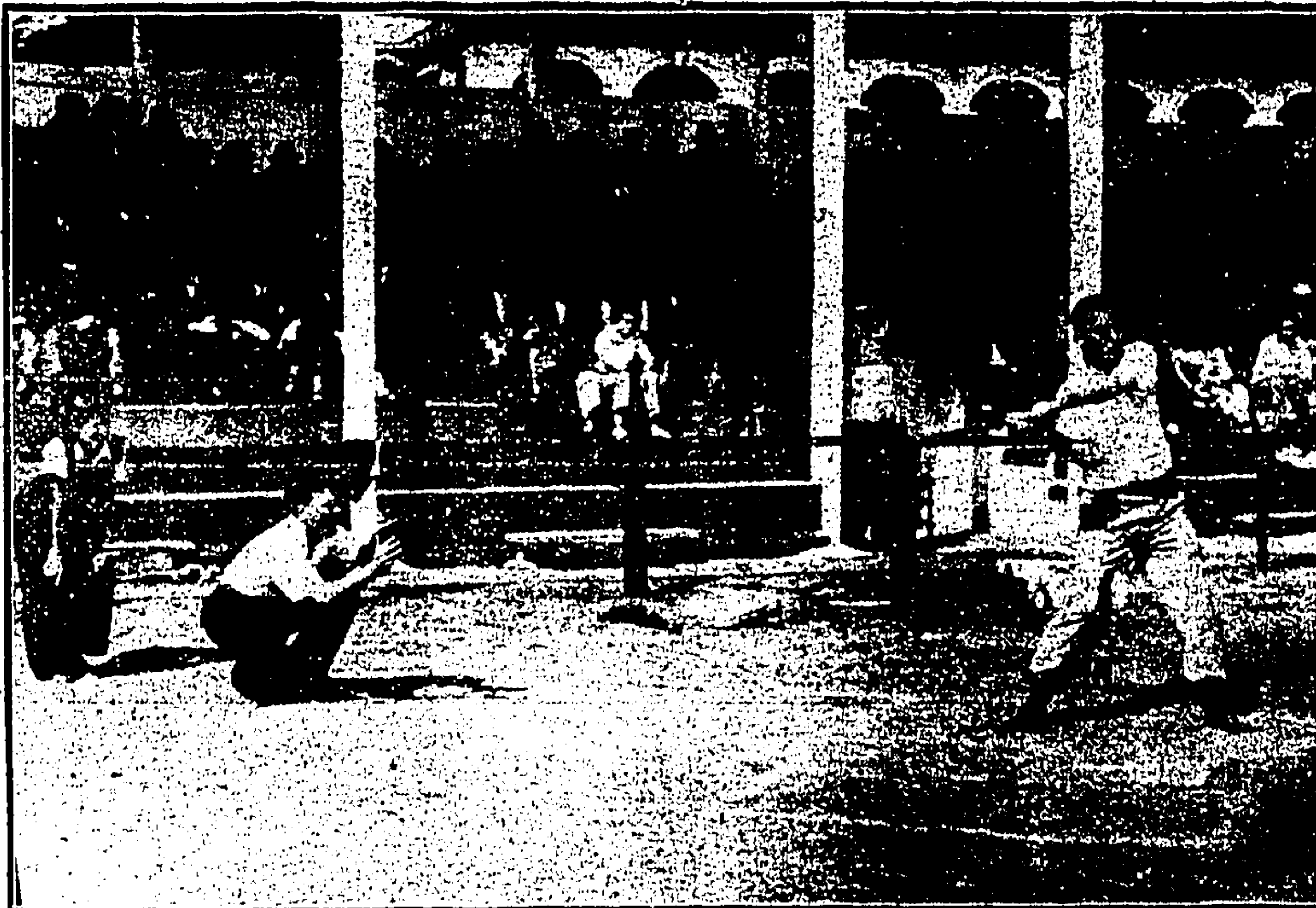
A tense moment during the Boxing Day charity match for the "Sunday Herald" Cup, in which England beat Portugal. Robinson, England's goalkeeper, on the ground, in a tight corner.



The winning 400-metres relay team from St. Francis School at the S.C.A.A. sports meet on Sunday.



V. H. W. Chittenden swings to a low one in the charity softball match between the "Over Forties" and the "Under Forties" at the K.F.C. on Boxing Day.



C. Dowman letting fly at the Boxing Day softball match held at the K.F.C.



LONDON CARRIES ON—Hectic street salesmanship continues as of old; there are still the old familiar sights, sounds and smells—with a few additional ones. Lambeth Walk takes bomb damage in its stride.



A Berlin building shattered and gutted by fire, resulting from an R.A.F. bomb. This is counted by the R.A.F. as a "miss" for military objectives only were aimed at; but on the night of the raid conditions were extremely difficult. But there is no margin for error when German planes raid London; for every wrecked dwelling place or shop is claimed as a military objective successfully attacked.



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Invasion Ports Given Severe Strafing

Flashes and flares in the sky and muffled explosions from the direction of the French coast last night indicated that R.A.F. bombers had braved icy weather conditions in the Straits of Dover to again attack German invasion ports.

Many searchlights between Calais and Boulogne probed the heavy banks of low clouds.—Reuter.

LAVAL'S FATE STILL AT ISSUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MAIN POINT OF dispute between Marshal Petain's Government and Germany appears to be the dismissal of Pierre Laval, for whose reinstatement the Nazis are still pressing strongly.

German insistence on Laval's return to the Cabinet has led to increased fears that Germany might use drastic measures to compel acceptance of its demands in connection with the desired Franco-German collaboration.

CRYPTIC STALIN WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Revealing Russia's practical state of mobilization, Stalin yesterday warned the people of Russia that they must be prepared to meet every eventuality.

In a message to the newspaper "Pravda," Stalin said that as a result of international complications the "dangers abroad are increasing daily."

"WE ARE FACING DANGER FROM MILITARY SUPPRESSION. WE MUST LEAVE NO

Quarters near Marshal Petain feel that any move by Germany to change the present status of the Vichy Government would be a violation of the spirit and letter of the Armistice.

Marshal Petain is still adamant in the stand that Laval's dismissal represented an internal political issue and was no business of Germany's.

The Marshal furthermore, is determined to reject any proposals which he believes would compromise France's honour.

Meanwhile he expressed the opinion only two days ago that France will "endure many sufferings" and will manage to keep her "place in Christian civilisation." — International News Service.

OCTOGENARIAN'S LEAP INTO STREET

An 80-year-old Chinese woman threw herself from the first floor of No. 172, Temple Street, Yau-mat, at 1.30 a.m. to-day presumably in an attempt to end her life. She was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR DEADLY ENEMIES TO CATCH US UNAWARE. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Soviet's Danube Demands

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in Budapest that a new Soviet demand for the right to operate Russian gunboats on the Rumanian stretch of the Danube has caused another postponement of the Bucharest conference of the International Danube Commission.

The Commission was to resume the already interrupted sessions in the next few days but those plans were shelved, apparently owing to the new Russian demand.

Russia, Germany, Italy and Rumania are represented on the Commission and it is reported that Italy-German opposition to the Soviet proposal caused the postponement.—International News Service.

SLIGHT NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Very slight enemy air action yesterday was confined to coastal districts.

An Air Ministry communique states that little damage and only minor casualties were caused by bombs which were dropped in a town in Kent.

Reports received since the morning communique, it is added, show that a small number of persons was killed when a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in a town in the West of England shortly before dawn.—Reuter.

M. COSME'S SUDDEN CHANGE OF PLANS

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, left for Hanoi yesterday morning. The Ambassador plans to return to Hong Kong soon and continue his journey to Shanghai.

VALONA REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

There is as yet no official confirmation in London of reports that the Italians are preparing to evacuate the port of Valona.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — Light north-east winds, freshening considerably later; cloudy generally.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMANY HAS THROWN PART OF THE NAZI AIR FORCE'S CRACK WAR PILOTS INTO ITALY TO "COLLABORATE" IN THE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST GREECE AND BRITAIN IN ALBANIA AND NORTH AFRICA.

The official announcement that Hitler had sent some of his air force to Italy was made by General Francisco Priclou, Chief of General Staff of the Italian air force, in an Order of the Day. Some German units presumably have already arrived.

The announcement confirmed reports current for some days that Germany is diverting her armed forces in preparation for a blow against Britain and Greece in the Mediterranean.

In this connection informed quarters in Rome told International News that "Axis deeds of the greatest importance" might be expected about the time of President Roosevelt's inauguration on January 20.

It is also reliably learned by International News that Italy's withdrawal of her air squadrons from the Channel front was undertaken with the aim of enabling an "all out" attack in the Mediterranean area.

Joint Attacks

It is learned that this withdrawal has actually occurred, and that all Italian pilots and planes

which for weeks have been operating with the Germans in attacks against London and other parts of Britain have returned to their bases.

Military censorship prevents speculation regarding the strategy to be followed by Italian and German planes in efforts to win an Axis victory in the Mediterranean.

However, joint attacks on Alexandria, Suez and Greek-held points in Albania, and a major onslaught on British mechanised units which have penetrated near Bardia, are not ruled out as possibilities. — International News Service.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the new refrigerator, a dry all-purpose compartment for maintaining meats, such as butter, milk and berries, in second compartment is designed for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and their vitamins. The third compartment is power-operated for quick freezing of meats designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Molt Cold Shell. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shell, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely all usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours.

Another advance in refrigerator design is the new steam-heated first door which holds the first door open and prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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CONTROL SURRENDERED

Meaning Of Arrival Of Nazi Air Force In Italy

SABOTAGE IN BARRACKS: SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT

Barracks occupied by the Italian garrison at the frontier town of Mostmau (on the route from Trieste to Ljubiani, Yugoslavia) have been set on fire, says a message from the Italian frontier this morning.

Four civilians have been arrested on suspicion of sabotage and the entire garrison is under strict observation.—Reuter.

ITALY ADMITS PLIGHT

Italy has now been obliged to admit her plight and has accepted Nazi help in the air. Not only has Italy withdrawn her bettered squadrons from the "Battle for Britain" but Rome Radio now says that sections of the German air force have come to Italy to help in the Mediterranean.

An official statement issued through the Italian news agency says that on the occasion of the arrival in Italy of sections of the Luftwaffe, General Piccolo, Chief of the Italian Air Staff, issued an order-of-the-day saying that the German air contingent will take part in the naval and air struggle in the Mediterranean "where the enemy is concentrating its forces."

Italy's urgent need for help is shown by her heavy losses.

The Italians made only two raids on their own on Britain and both proved to be disastrous. On November 11, the R.A.F. shot down 13 Italian bombers and fighters over the mouth of the Thames, and 12 days later brought down seven Italian fighters in the Straits of Dover.

In the Mediterranean, up to December 26, 416 Italian planes had been destroyed in the air and a considerably larger quantity on the ground. During this time, the R.A.F. lost only 75 planes.

TROPHY CONFERRED

An Italian news agency message confirms that the remnants of the Italian air contingent which have been operating with the Luftwaffe against Britain had been withdrawn.

This news is contained in an announcement that General Kesselring, commander of the German air force in the West, has conferred the adlerschild (eagle shield) trophy, which he himself created, on the Italian corps.

The award, according to the agency, was bestowed on the occasion of the "repatriation" of the Italian corps, to whose commander Kesselring wrote thanking them for their effective collaboration in the fight. Only one group of Italian fighters will remain in the Channel as a link, "testifying to the continuance of solidarity between Italian and German aviation."—Reuter.

Mussolini Forced To Accept

ANNOUNCEMENT OF the presence of a contingent of the German air force in Italy means that to a greater or lesser degree Mussolini has surrendered control over his air force to Germany, in the view of well-informed air circles in London yesterday.

The news has not come altogether as a surprise. The extent of the surrender of control will be proportionate to the measure of assistance Mussolini has been forced to accept.

It is well-known that Mussolini has always been most reluctant to accept such German "support."

If it comes to attempting to explain the matter away, the Italians will probably try to suggest it is merely a quid pro quo in return for assistance given by Italy to Germany by sending some Italian planes to Belgium for attacks on Britain.

In this connection it is interesting to note that another announcement yesterday disclosed that these Italian units are now being withdrawn. One apparent incongruity stands out in the announcement.

At the beginning it refers to "the arrival in Italy of some sections of the German air force". Later a reference is made to the forces being considered as "a big Italian unit."

Breaking It Gently

In other words, it looks as if an effort is being made to break the news gently to the Italian public and prepare them for the presence of large German air strength on Italian soil.

But whatever it may be "considered," the unit will, in fact, certainly not be under Italian control.—Reuter.

RAIDS ON BARDIA

R.A.F. raids on Bardia and Derna and aerodromes at Timi and GAZALA were announced in a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East yesterday.

All bombs at Bardia burst in the target area but details of damage were not observed.

In Italian East Africa a Rhodesian squadron destroyed a number of buildings near Sabderat, while other aircraft of the same squadron made a dive attack on enemy positions at Keru, 50 miles east-north-east of Kassala, destroying motor transport vehicles, starting a very large fire and silencing several A.A. guns.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

MEAT RATION CUT

A reduction in the meat ration was announced last evening by the Ministry of Food.

From next Monday the ration, which at present is 1s. 10d. worth of meat per head per week, will be reduced to 1s. 6d.

It is also announced that from that date pork and most offals will be included in the ration.—British Wireless.

ers will remain in the Channel as a link, "testifying to the continuance of solidarity between Italian and German aviation."—Reuter.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN REICH

Facts regarding labour wartime conditions in Germany, revealed in London yesterday by a Ministry of Economic Warfare official, show that despite its dictatorial powers the Nazi Government has not been able to achieve 100 per cent. control of workers' movement and to use all skilled labour.

Wages are fixed and it is illegal for employers to pay more, but according to information received in London a tremendous amount of overtime is being worked.

Hours in factories vary between 10 and 12 daily and the Government has been compelled to make concessions concerning overtime pay.

Main Problem

One of Germany's main problems will be transport and distribution, and with the effects of the British blockade, there may soon be a shortage of vital products and supplies.

As a result of R.A.F. activities there has been a lot of damage to transport and distribution.

It is understood Germany has added three million to its labour forces since the war, or 10 per cent above pre-war figures.

They consist of one million foreigners, a million prisoners of war engaged on civil work and a million old workers who had retired or who were not in the usual way available.

Total number of women employed is now 300,000 more than at the beginning of the war.—Reuter.

Grave Problems

After eight years of intensive organisation of industrial output and despite the complete shackling of labour the Germans find themselves faced with grave problems.

There is a great shortage of miners which has put a violent break on coal output, so essential if supplies of synthetic fuel, rubber and other commodities are to be maintained.

The ruthless compulsion applied to all workers regardless of the type of work or home locality has forced the labour authorities to lavish "after victory" promises of all kinds on workers, one of these being the abolition of compulsory labour. The Nazis have had to "soft



Picture taken during a tank hunting exercise in Britain by the Royal Fusiliers. In it, the tank is seen being engaged while the enemy advance scout has been attacked on his motor cycle and put out of action.

FOUR INJURED IN STRUGGLE

Four persons, including a 58-year-old woman and a two-year-old girl, were injured by an intruder in West Point early yesterday morning.

The alleged assailant was arrested and the wounded have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The inmates of the second floor of No. 145, Third Street, were roused shortly before 3 a.m. by the entrance of the intruder, who was challenged by the principal tenant, Yung Fu.

A struggle followed, during which the man slashed out wildly. The neighbourhood was aroused by the shouts and police whistles were blown, resulting in the arrest by an Indian constable of the alleged assailant as he was attempting to escape down the street.

Those admitted to hospital were the principal tenant, his wife and 58-year-old sister, and his two-year-old daughter. The elder woman received 11 deep wounds.

Man Charged

Ho Chuen, 48, unemployed, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon four persons at No. 145, Third Street, second floor, yesterday.

He was remanded for 72 hours for further enquiries.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

FURS STOLEN

A fur coat and a piece of fur, valued together at \$350, were stolen from No. 45, Cairns Road, the residence of Mr. Ho Pui-lam, yesterday.

pedal" the conscription of women. Compulsion has been applied only to unmarried women, practically all of whom living in large towns have been absorbed into the industrial system as well as young widows.

There is in addition to the shortage of miners a great dearth of skilled workers, particularly metal workers. This is shown by a recent issue of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" containing eight pages of "wanted" advertisements for skilled workers for Heinkel, Messerschmidt and other firms engaged in war production.—British Wireless.

BUILDING SHIPS FOR EMPIRE

Empire ship building yards, by providing new tonnage, are helping Britain to defeat the U-Boat menace.

Canada, which before the war had about 1,250,000 tons on its shipping registry, has launched new vessels from yards at Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax. A large number of merchant ships are now on the stocks and it was announced recently that Canada is to build 18 large merchant vessels for the British Government.

There are some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion, and even before the war about 4,000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938 repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000.

Although South Africa has no real shipbuilding industry large scale repairs can be carried out at Durban where there is a well-equipped repairing yard and dry-dock.

New Yard

Australia built only a small number of vessels before the war but has since greatly enlarged her shipbuilding industry. A yard is to be established at Whyalla, South Australia, to build merchant ships up to 12,000 tons, and Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Navy Minister, has declared shipbuilding must become one of the great national industries of Australia.

The Commonwealth has yards at Morts Dock in Sydney and Williamstown Dockyard near Melbourne. Orders amounting to £250,000 for engines and machinery have been placed in Queensland.—British Wireless.

KUNMING AIR ALARM

After a fortnight of quiet the air raid alarm sounded in Yunnanfu and 1.10 yesterday afternoon.

Twelve bombers raided the air field and another formation of eight planes attacked the power station at Shihlunggan shortly afterwards.

The all clear sounded at 4 p.m.—Reuter.

NAZIS DROP BOMBS ON SIX AREAS IN EIRE

EIRE BOMBED FOR SECOND NIGHT

Eire was bombed last night for the second successive night when three bombs fell near Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

No damage was done and nobody was injured.—Reuter.

MAGNETIC MINES IN IRELAND

The fact that magnetic mines were dropped on the coast of Ireland was revealed last night by the Eirean Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Department of Defence.

The announcement says "Magnetic sea mines dropped by parachute from aircraft this morning at Glen Cormack and Enniskerry will be destroyed by Army engineers to-morrow."

It warns occupants of houses within the danger radius to take precautions against an explosion.—Reuter.

Three Women Among Those Killed

MORE BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON EIRE TERRITORY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING; HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY BOMBS DROPPED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT KILLED AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A NUMBER OF BRITISH PEOPLE.

One incendiary bomb picked up was identified as German. Other bombs have been collected and are being examined by experts.

A statement by the Eire Government Information Bureau reporting these bombings lists six areas in the eastern counties of Eire where bombs were dropped and recorded the death of three women, two persons seriously injured and a number injured.

"On Curragh-na-course," says the official statement, "three high explosive bombs were dropped and a large number of incendiary bombs were also dropped in this area."

"An incendiary bomb picked up near Curragh was identified as German."

The statement adds that the first bombs fell near Drogheda, five at Duleek and three at Julianstown. There were no casualties.

Dublin Damage

At 6.10 in the morning two bombs were dropped at Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin. Two houses were demolished and several houses damaged.

Seven persons were trapped in demolished houses but were later rescued. Several were injured.

Two other bombs were dropped in Fortfield Road and the Laverna Grove area of the same district. Some houses were damaged but there were no casualties.

At Knockree, near Borris, County Carlow, bombs were also dropped. Three women were killed and two men very seriously injured.

Bombs were also dropped in Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue (County Wicklow) district. Some of these have been collected and are being examined by experts.—Reuter.

SERIOUS INTERNAL FRICTION IN RUMANIA

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent, on the Rumanian Frontier).

THE UNHEALTHY internal situation in Rumania—in which Communists and other Left Wing elements are coming into conflict with the Iron Guard—is the main reason for drafting more German troops into the country.

Such is the gist of reliable information obtained from Germany, from neighbouring Balkan capitals and from Bucharest itself.

Germany has not sent anything like 250,000 troops into Rumania, as reported in some quarters. Allowing for replacements, the total strength of Nazi effectives is believed to be about three divisions.

Much of the sealed rail traffic passing through consists of wagons with armaments which are being sent to pay for Rumanian oil.

Berlin apparently believes three divisions are necessary to prevent sabotage of Nazi economic interests in Rumania and to smother the increasing agitation against the Nazi-supported Antonescu regime on the part of Communists and other opposition elements.

Fundamental Conflict

Underlying the whole situation is a fundamental conflict between Iron Guard and Communist ideologies.

Developing of the anti-Communist campaign of the Iron Guard has led to a Note from

the Soviet Minister demanding its cessation.

Soviet circles in the Balkans believe the new German Minister to Rumania, Baron von Killinger, is about to reorganise the Gestapo's control of Rumania, using Iron Guard men as an instrument against Communists.

An inquiry among a leading Bucharest paper among its correspondents in many towns and villages has shown that the urban working classes are already under Communist influence.

Peasants Aloof

The peasants are standing aloof from the Legionary regime and are also in a highly dangerous mood.

From this it is evident that if Germany attempts to get Rumania to march by her side in any adventurous policy there will be a violent reaction from many Rumanians.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN MADRID

RADIO LYONS YESTERDAY BROADCAST A STATEMENT BY REAR-ADMIRAL LEAHY, NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, ON THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR FRANCE.

The broadcast quoted him as saying that his Government had sent the cruiser Tuscaloosa in order to bring him to Europe.

This gave a clear picture of the importance which the United States attributed to its representation in France.

The Government and people of the United States, Rear-Admiral Leahy is quoted as saying, have the greatest sympathy and admiration for France's culture and history, and hoped that France would emerge with a prestige, dignity and greatness worthy of her.

Radio said that Rear-Admiral Leahy has now reached Madrid on his way through to Vichy.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, YESTERDAY GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING GIFTS RECEIVED:

A total of £7,500 from the "Times of Ceylon Spitfire Fund," which has now contributed about £60,000.

The Maharajah of Mysore has sent £37,500 for planes. A gift of £5,000 has been received from the BBC Staff for the purchase of a Spitfire to be named "Aerial."

The Maharajah of Mysore has also sent £7,500 for the London air-raid relief fund, together with a graceful tribute to the fortitude of the victims.—Reuter.

MILITARY REGIME IN RUMANIA

What amounts to a military regime has been organised by General Antonescu in Rumania during the past few days, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent states that this Army Government appears to be superseding the former "Legionary State."

The correspondent bases his information on reports from responsible persons in Bucharest.

Police, railways, posts and telegraphs, and even the National Bank, have been placed under military jurisdiction, with the secret assent of the Germans, who at General Antonescu's request have sent further troops to Rumania.

The correspondent adds that in Rumanian political circles it is considered that the present movements of German troops do not reach the high figures quoted abroad.

They simply consist of a new German division which will take several days to transport.—Reuter.

VISIT TO A.I.F.

The Australian Army Minister, Col. Spender, and the Chief of the Australian General Staff, Lt. Gen. Sturdee, have arrived in Palestine from Australia on a visit of inspection to the Australian Imperial Force.—Reuter.

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PLANNING BRITAIN'S EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR

BRITAIN IS DETERMINED to continue her educational reforms when the war is over, Mr. H. Ramsbottom, President of the Board of Education, told a conference of school-teachers yesterday.

Immediately after the war is over, the school-leaving age will be raised from 14 to 15 in accordance with the Education Act of 1936.

The Board would aim at compulsory education up to the age of 16, but various courses of teaching would have to be devised to suit the capacities of the children.

He assured the school-teachers that the mistake made after the last war would not be repeated.

There will then be great changes in the social and economic life of the country, changes which will have a profound effect on children between the ages of 14 and 16. Now was the time to lay down plans for far-reaching reforms in education for children between the ages of 11 and 18.

The Board of Education was giving careful thought to this problem.

Speaking of the difficulties education was experiencing in wartime, he said that in many places school buildings had been severely damaged by bombs, while in other the buildings had been taken over for civil defence purposes.

On the whole, however, education was bearing the strain remarkably well. — Reuter.

FANTASTIC GERMAN CLAIMS

A statement that the German navy and air force sank 190,000 tons of British warships during the second half of 1940 is made in the report of the Nazi High Command on war operations in that period.

It declares the German Navy sank 12 destroyers, eight submarines, nine auxiliary cruisers, three gunboats and 63 small war vessels, while the air force sank 33 naval units.

Losses of British shipping are stated to amount to 3,900,000 tons and at least 264 merchant-ships have been damaged with a tonnage of over 2,000,000.

The report lists over 130 large-scale air attacks and 1,350 others, and states that since June 25 the enemy lost three times as many machines as the Luftwaffe.

It continues that the ratio of bombs dropped on Germany to those dropped on the British Isles is one to 25.

"Damage to military targets and targets of military importance is slight." — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The New Year started in cheerful fashion on the London Stock Exchange and some sections showed signs of expansion of interest. Gilt-edged were firm, and War Loan 3½ per cent reached its wartime peak at 103-3/16. Indian stocks were also bought, owing to their favourable yields. Among home industrials, breweries were higher but textiles moved against holders. Oils were firm under the lead of Shell Transport. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

BARDIA GARRISON QUIESCENT

Guns captured in the battle for Sidi Barrani and during the advance into Libya total 329, including 20 heavy and 48 light A.A. guns, states yesterday's communique from Britain G.H.Q. in Cairo.

The communique also states that the Italian garrison in Bardia shows no signs of activity and is allowing the British forces to continue their preparations and concentrations without any interference.

There is no change in the situation on other fronts. — Reuter.

SOVIET GENERAL RELIEVED OF POST

General Shadanko, Soviet Deputy Commissar of Defence, has been relieved of his post, it is announced in Moscow. — Reuter.

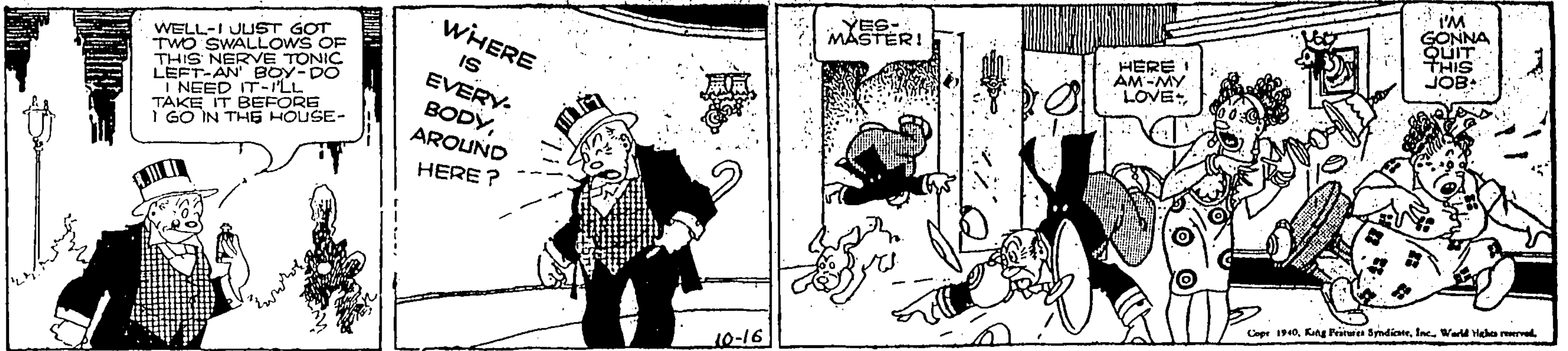
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ENGINEER ROBBED

Mr. R. Brannon, engineer employed on board a President boat, was the victim of a snatcher, Ho Man, 27, who was charged with stealing a fountain pen and with returning from banishment before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

While entering the Star Ferry yesterday morning, accused stepped in front of Mr. Brannon and extracted the pen from his upper pocket. Accused was chased and arrested.

Sentences totalling six months' hard labour were imposed.

PARKING OFFENCES

Mr. B. R. Iranee, of C. M. Karanjia and Company, David House, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Connaught Road car park, on December 21.

Mr. Iranee left his car in the car park from 10.06 a.m. to 12.40 p.m. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Dr. S. T. Wong, of No. 12, Pedder Street, was fined \$5, for a similar offence.

GERMAN HANGED FOR THEFT

A man was executed in Berlin for snatching a handbag from a woman during the black-out, says the Berlin wireless.

PLANS FOR H.K. SANATORIUM

PROPOSALS FOR THE establishment of a sanatorium for tuberculosis victims by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association were discussed at some length at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association held last week.

The scheme has already been approved in principle, and the suitability of three buildings offered to the Association was discussed. It was decided finally to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Miss Ruby Mow Fung (Convener), the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Dr. T. P. Wu and Dr. N. C. Macleod, to inspect a house in Shouson Hill, available for renting at \$150 a month or for purchase at \$30,000.

The sub-committee was instructed to draw up a detailed report for submission to the Finance and Scientific Sub-Committee and it was agreed that if the house were considered suitable it should be leased in the first instance with option to purchase in twelve months.

There followed discussion on the Association's financial policy—"to be or not to be" in debt being the question, and the Committee generally favoured a bold policy. The issue was referred to the Finance Sub-Committee with a request for its opinion and advice.

Free Medicines

Reports from the Scientific, Sociological and Publicity Sub-Committees were submitted, containing various recommendations.

After a statement by the President, it was decided that the

Sociological Sub-Committee's suggestion that free medicines should be provided by Government could not be supported. It was also felt that a further proposal that four nurses should be employed by the Association for following up cases could not be approved (a) because the financial position did not justify such expenditure and (b) because patients whose names and addresses are submitted to the D.D.H.S., can, in most cases, be seen by Government Health Visitors.

In connection with the survey of living conditions in the Colony now being carried out by the Sociological Sub-Committee, the President agreed to seek the cooperation of the Chinese hospitals and to approach the Auxiliary Nursing Service with a view to securing the services of auxiliary nurses to assist in filling up forms at clinics.

A suggestion by the Publicity Sub-Committee that street lecturers be employed, was discussed and it was agreed to appoint one for an experimental period of four months.

The Chairman revealed that the H. K. Chinese Relief Association (through its Chairman, Mr. Ho Kom-tong) had given a donation of \$500 to the funds of the A. T. A.

Those present included the Hon. Mr. K. Lo (Chairman), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. B. Wylie, W. Yinson Lee, Ho Kom-tong, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. T. P. Wu, Miss Ruby Mow Fung and Dr. N. C. Macleod.

BELGIUM'S FIGHT

THE BELGIAN ARMY IS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AT THE SIDE OF HER BRITISH FRIENDS AND ALLIES UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY, WHICH WILL LIBERATE BELGIUM AND KING LEOPOLD.

M. Gutt, Belgian Minister of Defence thus replies to New Year greetings sent to officers and men of the Belgian Army by Captain Margesson, the new British Secretary for War, on behalf of the Army Council. — Reuter.

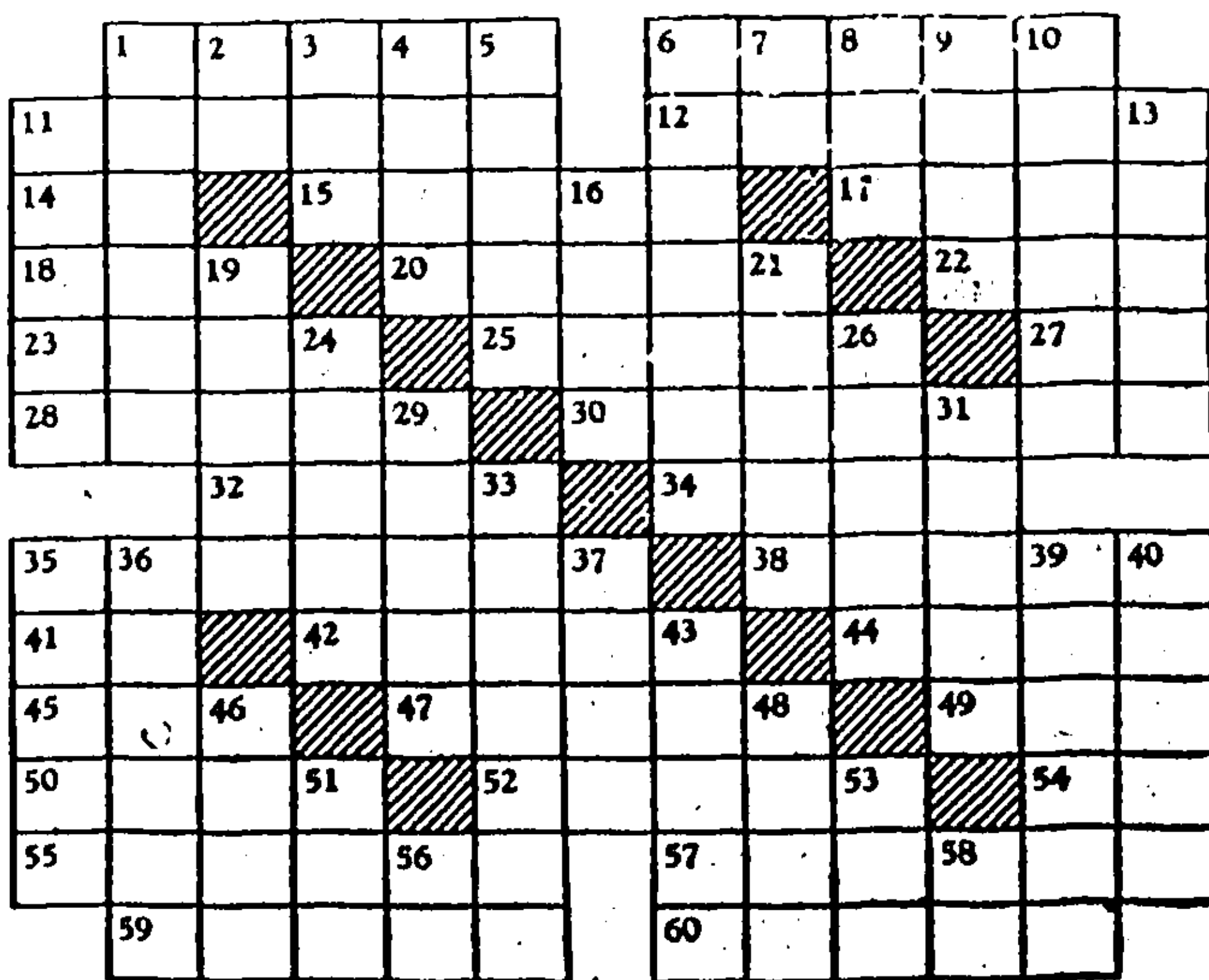
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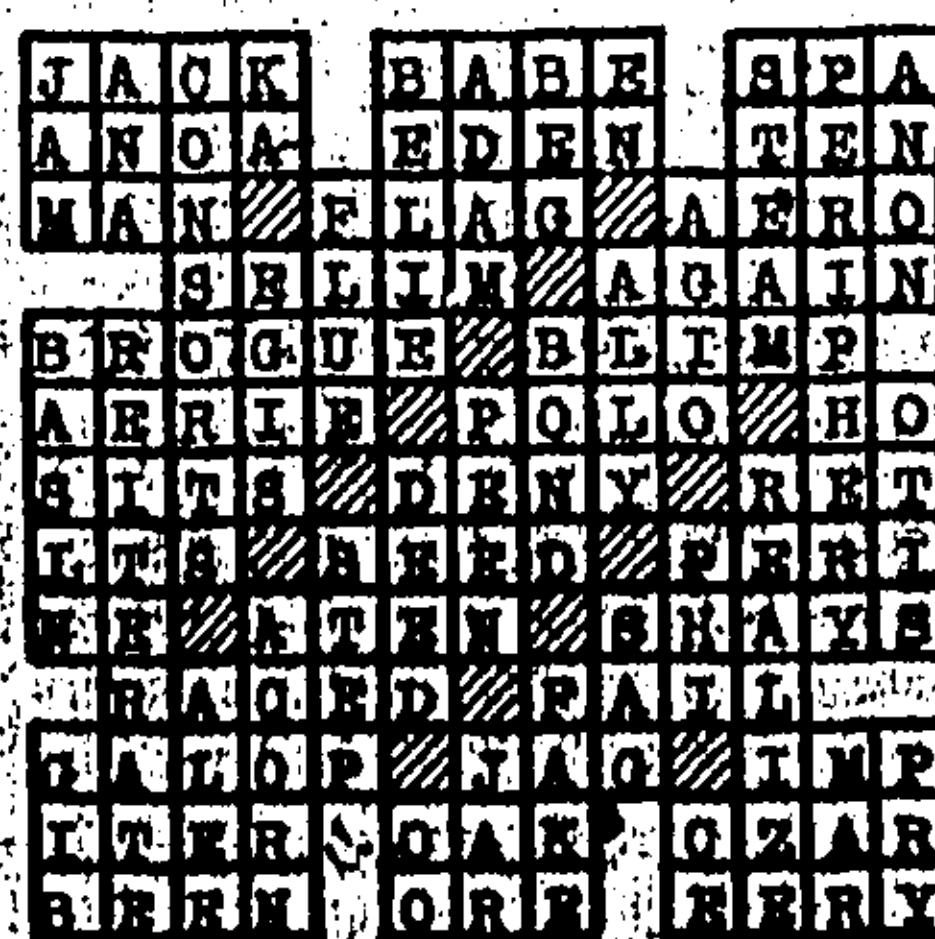
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- To proclaim
 - Allen resident in Attica
 - Critic
 - Devotional prayer
 - Bone
 - Pretentious person
 - Tube
 - Siamese coin
 - Is defeated
 - Musical as written
 - Journey
 - Irritable
 - Pronoun
 - Ecclesiastical council
 - To draw tight
 - Incandescence
 - To scorch
 - Perfidy
 - To inscribe
 - Diphthong
 - To pardon
 - Chamber of a Greek temple
 - Artificial language
 - More rational
 - Uproar
 - Supports

- Asiatic kingdom
- French article
- Continued story
- Comes into operation
- Joyous
- Anxious

- VERTICAL**
- Chapel
 - Preposition
 - Doctrine
 - Unperturbed
 - Plant disease
 - Disturbs
 - Teutonic deity
 - End

- Egyptian goddess
- Ancient Egyptian language
- Outer garments
- Poetic below
- Employs
- Hue
- To scatter from a point of radiation
- To long
- Quantities of medicine
- Group of three
- Feminine
- Appendages
- To save
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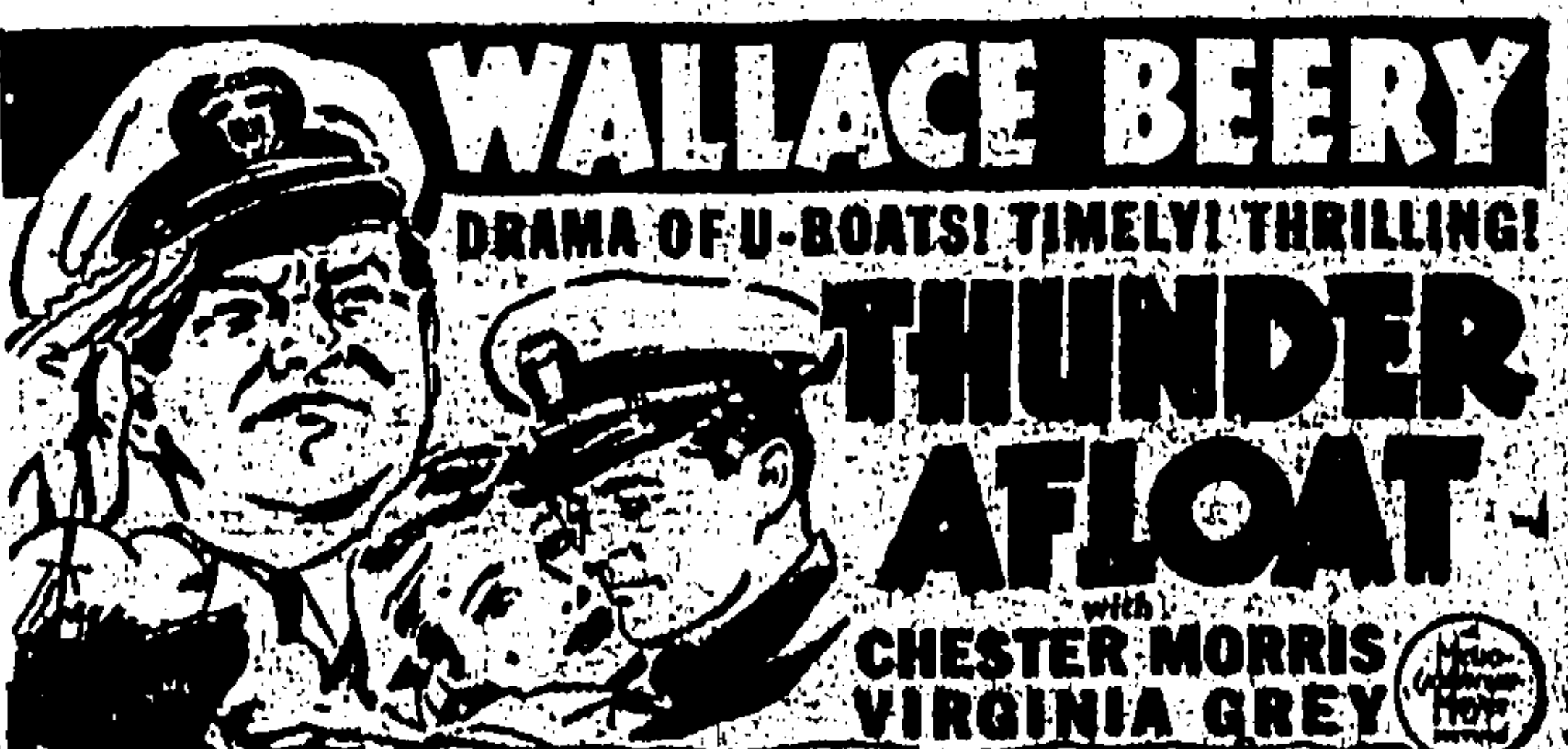
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U.S. MARINES DEMAND APOLOGY

DEMAND FOR A FULL APOLOGY BY THE JAPANESE FOR AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN PEIPING ON MONDAY, WHEN SOME UNITED STATES MARINES WERE DETAINED BY JAPANESE POLICE, IS BEING MADE BY COLONEL A. H. TURNAGE, COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE GUARDS IN PEIPING.

It is alleged that four of the Americans were beaten during their detention and two were forced to sign a confession of guilt.

SPECIAL SHOW TO "CLEAR" PIANIST

The B.B.C. will shortly broadcast a special programme to disprove one of the most sensational rumours of the war—that a famous band leader has been gaoled for signalling to the Germans during his radio turns.

Reports from all over the country have reached the "Sunday Chronicle," and other newspapers, alleging that Charlie Kunz, ace pianist, is serving 20 years in the Tower as a spy.

This entirely false rumour has been enlarged until gossips say Mr. Kunz is a German and had arranged items in his B.B.C. broadcasts so it formed a code decipherable by the enemy.

"I'm an American"

To scotch these lies the B.B.C. plans that Charlie Kunz shall broadcast from their studios and that the announcer shall make special reference to each of the items included.

In a statement to the "Sunday Chronicle," Mr. Kunz shows each point in this rumour to be sheer falsehood. He says:

"I am not of enemy origin. I am an American citizen and have lived in this country for the past 20 years.

"Like all other Americans, and friendly aliens, I have to register my address with the police and keep curfew hours.

"I have never been arrested, nor even questioned by the police other than the normal interrogations such as every American citizen gladly agrees to.

"Clap Hands"

"The reason I did not appear, as announced, at the Shepherd's Bush Empire is that the theatre closed.

"Last week I was on the stage of the Glasgow Empire every night.

"This rumour spread because a record of 'Clap Hands,' the signature tune I invented years ago, and have used in all my B.B.C. broadcasts, was played in an English programme from a German radio station."

POLISH PREMIER'S MESSAGE

General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, has received the following wire from the King in reply to a cable with New Year's wishes: "Deeply touched by your kind wires. Please accept my very best wishes for yourself and your gallant forces whose valuable contribution and determination in our mutual struggle I always follow with the keenest interest."—British Wireless.

Col. Turnage is also demanding the punishment of the Japanese gendarmes and officers concerned in the arrests and an assurance that similar acts will not recur in future.

Failing such an assurance, he adds, the incident cannot be regarded as closed.

The trouble giving rise to the American demand occurred in a street in Peiping when, it is alleged, a Japanese civilian attempted to pick a quarrel with one of a party of American guards at whom he pointed a revolver.

Japanese Disarmed

The Japanese was disarmed by American Marines and later the place was surrounded by Japanese gendarmes, who arrested the whole party of Americans and detained them.

The Commandant of Marines made repeated applications for their release which, however, only took place 17 hours later.

The Japanese authorities then declared the incident to be closed but the Commandant disagreed, demanded a full apology and reported the incident to Washington.

Two American Marines are alleged to have been forced to sign a confession of fault during their detention by the Japanese.—Reuter.

The staff of a London restaurant shelled peas and cut beans in an air-raid shelter during a morning alarm. Members of the public helped.

ORDERED TO LEAVE PORTUGAL

W. Lucas, for many years London "Times" correspondent in Portugal, has been ordered to leave the country within 48 hours on account of an article written by him in an American review.

In the article Mr. Lucas alleged German influence existed in Portugal.—Reuter.

ANTI-NAZI FRONT IN INDIA

THE FORMATION OF A NON-PARTY ORGANISATION, DEFINITELY PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-NAZI FRONT AND TO ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT, WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALL-INDIA CONFERENCE IN CALCUTTA PRESIDED OVER BY MR. ROY, FORMER PROMINENT COMMUNIST AND NOW LEADER OF THE RADICAL-DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The conference considered there must be a rapid development of the war resources of the country and to that end emergency ministries should be set up in the provinces.

It was decided to formulate a programme for consideration by an All-India Convention to be called at Delhi.—Reuter.

TOKYO'S ENVOY FOR AUSTRALIA

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, who is now semi-officially confirmed to be the first Japanese Minister to Australia, told reporters in Tokyo to-day: "I have much to learn about Australia. However I will do whatever I can within my power to tighten the bonds of friendship and increase trade between Japan and Australia."—Reuter.

ESCAPED—"BE OFF" TO NAZIS

A HUSSAR OFFICER back in England after escaping thrice from the Germans in Flanders slept a night in an empty house which he had commandeered while disguised as a Belgian. Several times German N.C.O.s arrived and begged for a night's lodging. Assuming an air of authority, he refused. The Huns went away.

on board and brought to Dover.

First captured with twelve others, the officer was marched to Brussels, where inhabitants pressed tobacco and food on them.

While being marched to St. Trond he slipped out of the column; clawed his way through a hedge and threw himself flat. He lay there until dark, scarcely daring to move his cramped limbs.

Without food and water he decided to risk calling at a lonely cottage, where a peasant gave him food and a Sunday suit. Thus he became disguised as a Belgian refugee.

He got as far as Diezels, to be challenged by a German lance-corporal.

"He told the Nazi he had been to Fiebecq, a small village without even a town hall, to see his brother. But Fiebecq is a town in which the town hall is the biggest building, and the Hussar was marched off under escort.

A few minutes later he slipped away from his escort and entered a cafe, looking for all the world like a bearded refugee in his best suit.

Further on, enemy troops were everywhere and he was repeatedly challenged.

At Pecq, the bridge was down, but he managed to cross the river, and at Lille he found himself in the midst of a battle between French and Germans.

In the general confusion he got hold of a bicycle, negotiated road blocks, and reached Grand Pont, only to be searched by a German soldier, who found his Army whistle and torch.

For the third time he was arrested.

Imprisoned at Abbeville and later at St. Riquiers, where he was placed in a large barn full of civilians, he again escaped.

This time he got to the coast, where a friend helped him to get a small rowing boat.

It was midnight when he sailed. At little way out he saw a boat approaching. At the sound of a voice he dropped into the bottom of the boat. The cry came again in English: "Hullo, who are you?"

It was a British boat on the lookout for stray soldiers along the coast. The officer was taken

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

AIR MAILS

One of the apparently minor items in the news yesterday, announcement that three commercial air-liners of the Clipper type are to be purchased for the purpose of maintaining Empire communications, will attract keen interest in Hong Kong. No indication was provided of the routes on which the Clippers might be used, but as the most serious rupture of communications has occurred between the British Isles and points East of Suez, (India, Australia and Hong Kong included), it is a fair assumption that it is the problem of restoration that has been engaging Imperial attention.

No consequence of Italy's entry into the war has been felt more severely in the East than virtual destruction of the air mail services. The value of such elements of the original system that have been retained is next to nil, for it happens, more often than not, that mails routed via America or Canada by surface craft reach Hong Kong in advance of the air mail.

It is recognised that the drastic curtailment of the air mail services and the loss of the speed asset was, to some extent, inevitable, however irksome it may, at the same time, have been. In the first instance, at all events. Now, however, the outlook for the future can be seen in clearer detail, the re-establishment of swift, reliable communications between Britain and the East must appear as a matter of increasing urgency.

One of the lessons for the future is that British control and British capital must alone be responsible for maintaining Imperial air communications. A long period of reconstruction and overhaul will inevitably follow on this war. It has been urged that the opportunity should then be seized to make every alteration necessary to bring Empire air lines to as high a state of efficiency, utility and security as possible. In the air, whether in the sphere of civil or military activity, Britain has to make considerable leeway. Something can even now be done to redress the balance.

THERE was not much pattern to my days in London. The difficulty of making and changing arrangements by telephone and the fact that from the second day till the day before I left I was waiting on my appointment with the Prime Minister—its time and place was not set until an hour before I saw him—meant that I could make no commitments in advance. Each day I simply made and kept as many engagements as I was able. Ben Robertson, who slept with me the first night, simply stayed on.

I have had difficulty since I got back making people really understand how entirely casually people take sleeping anywhere they happen to be when the black-out comes in London. Possibly it's because the phrase sleeping with someone has connotations in our vocabulary. Possibly it's because the idea of not having a room of one's own to sleep in every night is so foreign to everyone's experience here.

I asked everyone I met in and out of the Government how many Londoners slept in shelters and how many slept in their homes. No one had any idea. There are no statistics whatever available. Estimates of the number who slept in shelters, public and private, varied from 50 per cent to 95 per cent. The only thing you can be sure of is that very few sleep normally, night after night, in their own beds in their own rooms.

Even leaving out the fear of being out during heavy raiding you must also realise the difficulty of moving about a complicated city like London during a black-out. There are taxis that cruise all night, but they are few. Few also are the buses and the trains and the tubes. It was, for instance, altogether natural that, when I had a radio talk to dictate during my second week and a young lady public stenographer came to type it for me and the work went on without either of us noticing the time until suddenly the maid came in and drew the curtains for the black-out. Ben and I should offer her our couch to sleep on. And she should debate for some minutes before deciding her room-mate might be worried and she didn't mind taking the bus anyway.

You must realise what it does to convention to take in first relatives, then acquaintances and finally strangers who were bombed out. And you must also realise—perhaps the most important thing of all—that when the night is full of noise no one wants to be alone. The presence of other human beings is comforting.

I think the only time I was really all out frightened—literally panicked—was when I came in alone one late afternoon and Ben, who was to join me, did not show up for several hours. It was the night a new and still larger gun moved into the park opposite. I was told it was a six-inch navy gun. It began to go off right after the first alarm. I went to watch from my bathroom-darkroom. There was a storm over London and the wind howled through the open window. Shells from the gun burst directly overhead, so that I ducked each time, sure the shrapnel would fall where I was. If it did, I heard none of it. But the crash of the gun was first deafening and then suddenly terrifying. I bolted the window and went in and tried to read the evening paper. The gun kept crashing and crashing and crashing. All of a sudden it came—a terrific desire to get to some other place in a hurry. I went out and rang for the elevator. It was about 8.30.

As I got in a very elegant old dame came down the corridor and got in with me. The gun went off. She said, "What was that?" A freckled elevator man said, "That was me, ma'am." She said, "Well, I wish to heaven you'd told me it was you. You've been scaring the life out of me." When I got down to the lobby people were standing around talking and going into dinner quite normally. I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to go down into the boiler room, get into a corner and curl up where I couldn't hear that damn gun. I thought if I did, when Ben came in he would be ashamed of me. I said nuts to myself. The gun went off a couple of times more and shook the revolving door. It made the sign reading AIR RAID WARNING flap. I said to myself, "Look here. You've decided that if you're going to be hit you're going to be hit. If you play it any other way you're sure to lose. Like changing your stake gambling." I said to myself, "You may be scared, but you know very well that the odds of a bomb hitting you are approximately seven or eight million to one." I went

back upstairs and felt much better.

The point about being afraid during a bombardment in which you know the chances of being killed are minute is this: that after you've been frightened a few times you know that being frightened is just an unreasonable temporary emotion, that it will pass and that in a little while you will feel all right again. Like getting unreasonably mad at a telephone girl giving you the wrong number. The time when I was alone with the gun noise in the Dorchester was the only time I felt panic, but four or five times in any given night, even though they were re-

—By—
Ralph Ingersoll

latively quiet. I was scared and each time after a while the fear would pass and I'd feel all right again. Because I was always with people who if they were scared didn't show it and we went about what we decided was our business and everything was all right and the fear passed.

It's "Behaving Well"

I think it's this quality of keeping their fears to themselves while they are afraid—they talk about it plenty afterwards—that's the most important part of what the English call "behaving well." They have it whether they are cockneys in the East End or cabinet ministers. They do not transmit their fears to one another the way some other peoples do. And when people transmit their fears to each other the result is panic and anything can happen in a panic. When they don't transmit their fear they go on about their business and presently aren't afraid any more.

I talked this over with a number of people in London and they agreed with me.

The fear that I'm talking about is the unreasonable fear produced by noise and the imagination. How a soldier who is under fire and is liable to be killed in action feels I know only from books. But I was and am interested in the other kind of fear, because that is the principal tool with which Adolf Hitler has conquered so much of the world. It's the Britisher's ability to cope with it and to survive it and to learn that it's a headache and not a fatal disease that's an important part of my confidence that the British will withstand and survive Adolf Hitler, and there's absolutely no question that they survived the terrific dose he gave them in September and are flourishing under the dilute solution which seems all he is currently able to administer now.

The two weeks that I was in London were what are called quiet weeks. They are quiet because Hitler has no control over the air of England in the daylight and because night bombers work best in the full of the moon when they can steer and guide their bombs by the reflection of the moon on the water and the rivers and lakes of England. The moon was on the wane when I arrived.

I know what it can be like when the moon is full, because the three days just before I got to London included the worst night bombing of the war so far. So I saw London right after its three worst nights and the people I talked to had just been through these nights.

From the point of view of personal experience I have identified this distinction: that the difference between a quiet night and a rough night in London is simply that on a rough night if you move about the city streets you will have at least one narrow escape per night; that is, at least one bomb that will whistle down and explode within a half a block or a block of you sometime or other. Whereas, going about on "quiet nights," while there is the same raiding, the guns and the lights and the planes, the bombs they drop are so scattered that in fourteen nights I had only two small bombs drop within a block of me, one in the park outside my window—after learning to sleep through the naval gun, its whistle woke me wide awake just before it hit—and the other on a road along which we were driving back to town from a night flying field. There were four of us in a closed Woolsey car. The gears on the Woolsey were noisy and we had heard no

warning, but a red light flashed in front of us and an air raid warden stuck his head in as we stopped. He said, "There's a crater just ahead. It's just happened. We haven't found it yet. Better be careful." We said we would and drove on.

Hysterics In The Dark

At the end of a block we all at once saw two small lights flush with the pavement. The next minute we began to run over rubble. One of us said, "It's right here. You can always tell when you begin running over rubble." Another few feet and we saw what the lights on the street were. They were the still burning sidelights of a car that had just run into the crater. A woman came toward us out of the black and said, "Where are you going?"

The driver said, "To London." She said, "No, no, no, I mean what part of London?" The driver said, "The West End."

Her voice was rising. It sounded hysterical. She said, "No, no, no, that won't do at all. That's not at all where I want to go," and ran off behind us. We think she had been in the car.

We swung off to one side to avoid it and the pencil beam of our headlight picked out a figure lying on the edge of the curb. We got out and went over to it. It was a dead policeman. A red-headed policeman. He had been young and good looking. There was no one else around. It was very quiet. You could hear water bubbling under the car. The bomb had broken a main. We had flashlights and stood looking down at the policeman, not quite knowing what to do next. Presently there were footsteps coming rapidly toward us. Two air raid wardens. They made no comment. First one and then several policemen came from another street. They looked at the dead policeman, but did not move him. We shifted uneasily and walked back to look in the crater. The bomb must have hit just ahead of the car and the car rolled in where the pavement had been. For it was hardly scratched. While we were looking an ambulance or a truck rolled up behind us, some men got out, went over to where the warden was standing over the casualty. They lifted the dead policeman onto the stretcher, carried him back into the darkness. And no one said anything. The ambulance or the morgue wagon or whatever it was went off into the dark. The wardens and the policemen were in conference over how to get the car out of the crater. Down the street we could see another warden bringing a red lantern to mark it.

There had been some joking in the car about my not having had a close one in ten days in London. One of the men said, "Well, if it had to happen, I'm glad it happened where you could see it. This is just routine. I think there must be a bicycle about. I think the policeman was going home on it when the bomb hit." It was no longer a joke that I have the experience of having a bomb go off near me. The face of the dead policeman with the red hair stayed with me. That and the suddenness with which it happened and the silence that was around it after it happened. I began to feel anger rising in me. I stayed acutely angry at the people who had killed the policeman for several hours. Then, like being afraid, the acute part passed.

I had picked up a piece of the shell. I found it with my flashlight imbedded in the pavement and wedged it out. I brought it home with me.

Anderson Shelter

We laughed when we came to a place in the East End where a land mine had gone off. Because the little man we had found outside his Anderson shelter had been so perfect we swore he had been planted there by the Ministry of Information. We should have had the dialogue on a sound track to use with the film, "London Can Take It."

He was a tough little cockney and he drove a switching engine along the Liverpool docks. His little house and garden were on the edge of the area the land mine had devastated—beginning half a block away houses by the hundreds were uninhabitable. Directly across the street from him a bomb of 280 pounds—maybe 600 pounds—had blown a hole in a garden and wrecked the house be-

He said there were two things he didn't like about this war and the way he was treated in it. He said the anti-aircraft guns made him mad because they couldn't hit anything. He said he'd watched them and watched them. He wanted to see a German plane hit and never had, even though he worked out on the docks all day. And as to his own treatment, he told us he damn well wanted a tin hat. He said a bloke could do without a leg or an arm or this piece or that piece of 'im, but he couldn't do without 'is knob. He said he didn't see why the government couldn't give 'im and the other fellows that worked out on the docks steel helmets. Neither could Hilde nor I.

Like almost everyone, he put in his Anderson shelter himself. An Anderson shelter is made of heavy galvanised cast iron, the kind you sometimes see on warehouse roofs. It is about 4 by 8 feet square and 5 feet high, the top being arched to a circle. It is set up half submerged into the ground and then sandbags are piled around and over the top of it. Many people plant gardens on its roofs, flower gardens. It has other sandbags piled around its entrance. I climbed down into the little man's shelter. I could just get in. It had a concrete floor. He said cement was hard to get but he had a friend who could mix it and all the people in the neighbourhood got what cement they could and he and his friend went around and fixed up as many floors as they could. His shelter was quite dry. There were candles stuck on a little shelf and some odds and ends of clothing hung up. He said he had taken the bedding out to air it.

He told us he had sent his wife and his son and daughter to the country, but his daughter, who was the older, had come back and was staying with some people down the street. And another married daughter was around the corner with her husband. He said, "Ain't no place for women, but they don't like to be away from home and they come back." He said his was a good shelter and he slept very well there. But a lot of them were bad unless you had a good floor and knew how to fix it so the rain didn't come in.

Ben Robertson asked him if he was in the shelter when the bomb dropped across the street. He said, "Oh, yes. It shook quite a bit. But," he said, "I'm not afraid because I have it fixed so I can get out the back end if the front end caves in." I said, "What do you do when a bomb drops near you? Do you go out to see what happens?" He said, "Well, you see, we have got a kind of a system. When there's a hit everybody around comes out and we get together and go from one shelter to another to see if everybody else is all right, and to be sure the entrance hasn't caved in and they can't get out. Then after we have checked up on everybody's being all right we go back into our 'oles." (Another time, talking about a friend, he used the sentence, "And every evening about 5 'e goes 'ome to his ruins.")

Hilde said it was typical of London people, working out ways to look after each other like that. Ways that had nothing to do with government rules or regulations, or even volunteer ARP wardens. Just people looking out for each other.

He showed us almost with pride where the land mine had hit. It had touched no building, coming down in a yard near a factory. There had been several automobiles there and they were squashed in as if Gibraltar had fallen on them. Characteristically, the crater wasn't deep. But for blocks and blocks around there were little frame houses battered and windowless. It was very depressing to walk down the empty, uninhabited streets.

The little man who lived in the Anderson shelter halted suddenly, and grunted with disgust. "There, see," he said pointing to the sky. "Why can't they 'it 'im?" We all stopped. It was a lone daylight raider. The plane could not be seen but its exhaust, crystallised in the cold upper air, wagged after it like a pollywog's tail as the pilot twisted and turned. Half the anti-aircraft guns in town seemed to be after him. Puffs of white smoke broke above and below him. "There! There! Now why can't they 'it 'im?" the little man kept saying over and over again, getting more and more excited. I found I felt exactly the same way. The German kept twisting and turning. He was going home to wards the south and when last seen puffs were still pursuing him.

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M.P.'s CHARTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A FOUR-POINT charter of women's rights has been put forward by Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., who had criticised Mr. Ernest Bevin, Labour Minister, for not having given women work they had been promised. "Women have been used as cheap machines too often," said Dr. Summerskill, and then she produced these four points:—

1. Women should have not only the right to work, but the right to work whether married or single.
2. They should receive the rate of pay for the job, and there should be no discrimination because of sex.
3. Promotion of women according to ability.
4. Opportunity for training for all work for which women are capable.

Dr. Summerskill was speaking at the first public meeting of the Woman-Power Committee, in London.

Viscountess Astor, M.P., said: "I want a woman in the Government to tell the Government where the women are wanted and what they can do."

"Mr. Bevin will dodge this problem as long as he can."

"The Services are much ahead of the Government in their employment of women. The women of the House of Commons must bring more pressure on the Government. If necessary, we must go to the Prime Minister."

"What makes my blood boil is the subconscious Hitlerism in the hearts of some men, which keeps women of ability down."

Insulted With O.B.E.

"They are prejudiced against able women, though they don't seem to mind the stupid and give them the jobs. Women don't want sham work — they want real work."

Lady Astor referred to the bravery of Miss Peggy Prince who went out sea in her canoe to save an airman, and added, "They ought to have given her the V. C., instead they insulted her by giving her the O.B.E."

Miss Irene Ward, M.P., acting chairman of the committee, said "Mr. Bevin gave us the right to form the Woman-Power Committee, but we have no power and terms of reference."

"One of my major grievances is the perpetual handing of the baby from one Government department to another."

"We had got to make the war effort so tremendous that it should absorb every employable person."

"One problem was to see that voluntary workers did not encroach on those had to earn their own living."

Workers, Not 'Ladies'

"We must be in on the ground floor," she added, "and we are not going to accept responsibility unless we are permitted to have a say in the creation of the policy which is so vital to both manpower and woman-power."

"We have reached unanimous recommendations and put them before Mr. Bevin with very little results."

Miss Caroline Haslett, president of the Women's Engineering Society, said she had been amazed to find how unaware Government officials were of the ability of women to do a real job of work.

"These officials are far too much inclined to treat us as ladies' instead of fellow workers," she said.

"LEG-PULL" FINES TO BE REMITTED

Remission of fines imposed on two men at Caerphilly in June for making statements likely to mislead in connection with public safety has been recommended by the Home Secretary.

It was alleged that the men, Percival Henry Fellows and Percy Jones, had been reported to the police by a schoolboy for remarks he said they made when the Belgian Army capitulated.

The men were each fined £2. Their defence was that the remarks were made in a jocular manner, and they treated the matter as a leg pull.

GERMAN FAMILIES SCARED TO FRANCE

German refugees from the much bombed Rhineland are beginning to crowd the hotels even in non-occupied France.

This information was given by a Frenchman who has just arrived in London from the non-occupied zone after trekking across the Pyrenees on a donkey. He sold his motorcar for just enough to buy a donkey and pay his fare to England from Lisbon.

"You have no idea here of how effective the R.A.F. bombings on Germany are," he said. "We get the backwash of them, even in unoccupied France."

"Friends of mine in the Department of Isere have had to leave their homes because of the influx of German refugees from the Rhineland. They, of course, get paid, but at 20 francs to the mark."

"The Germans are crowding into all the hotels in this region and paying at the same rate. In the last few weeks the influx has been tremendous."

Regarding R.A.F. bombings of the French coast, he said the Germans now describe Cherbourg as the "cemetery." He said that most people in the unoccupied zone knew of the big losses the Germans sustained when their pin-nacles and barges, filled with troops, were bombed.

It was common knowledge that all the doctors in the Paris region had to be mobilised to deal with the casualties.

ART EXHIBITION

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Association for Calligraphy, Art & Literature, an Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy and Drawing at the Kam Ling Restaurant, was opened by Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on New Year's Day. The exhibition will remain open between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. till January 5.

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO APPEAL

"THE RESPONSE TO MY APPEAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF FIRE BOMB FIGHTING PARTIES IN BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SHOWS SIGNS OF BEING SATISFACTORY," MR. HERBERT MORRISON, MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY, DECLARED IN A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Morrison added that preliminary reports from all regions indicated that without waiting for the approach of wardens and firemen, great numbers of men and women were offering their services either individually or after making up parties among themselves. — *Reuter.*

INCIDENTS

A Thailand plane machine-gunned Napakasom on Christmas Day and the following day, and another Thailand plane flew over and machine-gunned Pakse.

This was announced in Hanoi yesterday from headquarters of Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China. — *Reuter.*

FRENCH RESISTANCE TO INVADER IS GROWING

THERE IS BEING gradually built up in the United States — by letters, by stories of refugees, by articles of returning American newspapermen — a true picture of France under the German heel.

It is a tragic and terrible picture, but it is redeemed by evidence of resistance to Nazi regimentation which is being continuously and bravely put up by what P. J. Philip, former Paris correspondent of the "New York Times," calls "the most individualistic people in the world."

Some of the incidents lately reported from inside France are trivial in themselves but significant as part of the trend.

For example, the United Press has just reported from Vichy that the German authorities are now threatening to close every cinema in Paris if French audiences do not stop applauding scenes in German newsreels showing the damage inflicted in British air raids over Germany.

The Nazi radio has said that such demonstrations are a "considered act of hostility" and all cinemas would be closed if a single burst of applause occurred in the future.

Posters Torn Down

Elsewhere it is reported how workmen in the industrial suburbs of Paris tear down Nazi posters each night and how even the French police take a pride in helping their own people and foreigners to outwit the Gestapo.

One of the most important revelations of the spirit still surviving in unoccupied France is the publication of extracts from two of several petitions recently sent to the Vichy Government by

French patriots who have dared to sign their names and addresses. One urges Petain and his Ministers not to go on issuing declarations of goodwill towards the German conquerors, but to let the world know of each new outrage inflicted upon France. It is horrifying, says this petition, to see the controlled Press insulting England, and it asks: "Would not public opinion condemn a husband who after 40 years of married life would heap filth on the radio over his former wife to explain their divorce?"

Three Parties

The "New York Herald Tribune" has been receiving letters sent by messenger to Tours from occupied France. Most recent of these letters says there are now three parties in France — realists, sentimentalists and militarists.

The realists are accepting Nazi domination, the sentimentalists are passionately but impotently longing for a British victory.

The militarists are General de Gaulle's men. "Within their cause they feel lies the only germ of practical aid to the country."

FIRE PREVENTION EXECUTIVE FORMED

RAIDERS WITH SECRET INFORMATION?

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. William Hughes, stated in Canberra yesterday that the Naval Board is investigating statements by survivors that Nazi Pacific raiders possess information indicating they know the British Admiralty code for communicating with merchant shipping.

Interviews with survivors give no hint of the whereabouts of bases from which the raiders' supply ships are refuelled and refitted.—Reuter.

CITY SHAKES TO DYNAMITE

London yesterday afternoon heard a new kind of "war-noise"—that of exploding dynamite, as demolition squads of the Royal Engineers set about clearing up the damaged portions of the City of London, as a result of Sunday night's raid.

In many cases, they used ropes but occasionally dynamite was necessary.

Working alongside them with pick and shovel were 1,000 men of the Pioneer Corps, clearing up the roads.

The danger from falling buildings was so great in some areas that the police were on duty all day to ensure that only those with official permits entered those areas.

In a few days, except for empty sites where churches and famous old buildings once stood, the City will have regained much of its former aspect.—Reuter.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI SEES MR. EDEN

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, called on Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, yesterday afternoon, for the first time since Mr. Eden's resumption of office as Foreign Secretary.

Apart from renewing personal and official contacts, it is understood that they discussed various questions affecting the common interests of China and Britain in the Far East and the Pacific.—Central News.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has increased rapidly over Mongolia and Manchuria following the development of a fresh anticyclone. A depression is moving eastward across Hokkaido.

BRITAIN IS TO take immediate steps to deal with the danger from incendiary bombs following the big fire raid on London on Sunday night.

The Prime Minister has approved the immediate establishment of a special organisation, to be called the Fire Prevention Executive, to secure prompt and vigorous action by various Government departments and authorities concerned in applying effective measures of fire prevention in target areas.

The new organisation, which will include responsible representatives of all Government departments concerned with the many aspects of the problem of fire prevention, will work in close association with the Minister of Home Security.

There will be the fullest possible delegation responsible to regions and to smaller areas within regions, and appropriate arrangements will be made for the supervision of work in Scotland.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. W. S. Morrison, will preside over meetings of the new Executive.

Apportioning Tasks

The new Committee will apportion the task of fire-watching.

The Ministry of Aircraft Production, the Ministry of Supply and the Admiralty are among those whose special responsibility will be for their own factories.

The Ministry of Home Security will assume special responsibility for all buildings, public private and industrial, which do not come within the scope of other departments, and the homes of the whole civilian population will come under its wing.—Reuter.

HISTORIC Y.M.C.A. ROOM GUTTED

Among premises destroyed by fires started on Sunday night by showers of incendiaries which fell on the City of London is the historic room which saw the birth of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Named after the founder, the late Sir George Williams, who came to London in 1841 to become a drapery assistant, the room was situated in a house in St. Paul's Churchyard. Together with seven other buildings it was burned to ashes.—British Wireless.

DOG WITHOUT A MUZZLE

Pleading guilty by letter, Mr. Ian E. Heath, of No. 148, Boundary Street, was fined \$5 by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning for allowing his dog to wander in the street without a muzzle on November 24.

Mr. Gardner, of No. 32, College Road, was cautioned for keeping an unlicensed dog.

ADDING FINE TO INJURY

Charged with alighting from a moving bus, Wong Sam, 27, spinster, was fined \$1 by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning. She alighted about 10 yards in front of the stop, falling and suffering head injuries for which she was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

BENGALI VESSEL CAPSIZES

Eighteen lives were lost as the result of the sinking of a country craft in the channel between Chittagong and Sandwip Island, says a message from Bengal. The boat, which was carrying 22 passengers, was caught in a gale and capsized in mid-stream.—Reuter.

1904 GROUP REGISTER

Registration days under the National Service (Armed Forces) Acts for men born in 1904 were announced in London yesterday.

January 11 is the date assigned for those born between July 1 and 31, December, 1904, and January 18 for those born between January 1 and 30, June, 1904.—British Wireless.

PETAIN SCORNS EQUALITY AND POLITICAL LIBERTY

MARSHAL PETAIN, in an article published by the Revue des Deux Mondes, one of the principal monthly reviews in France, now appearing in the non-occupied territory, contributes his own views on the political philosophy which he is trying to introduce.

It takes the form of an attempt to dispose of the Republican device, "Liberty, equality, fraternity," for which the Marshal wished to substitute the notions of authority and obedience towards the State.

"We must teach our young people," he writes, "that liberty can only be exercised when combined with recognition of a secular authority, which they must respect and must obey." The word "must" is printed twice in italics.

He is scornful of political liberty, "even if it confers the right to drop a voting paper into an urn every four years." Nor is full liberty of labour to be accorded "for in this matter choice must be restricted by economic possibilities and by the exigencies of national interests."

Equality Modified

As for equality, "it is a fine thing at certain levels and in certain circumstances. But, if men are equal before death and before God, only a civilised society can grant them liberty before the law and offer them equal opportunities in life. Equality must be bound up with a rational scale of authority based on differences of function and of merit."

"Fraternity, too, is a magnificent ideal, but in the condition into which we have now fallen, the only true fraternity is that of the natural groups—the family, the city, the Motherland. As a means for promoting universal progress, the class struggle is an absurd conception which leads to national downfall and death through civil or international war."

"We must therefore tell our children that, though masters and men may sometimes have interests which clash, the general interest of their occupation is paramount and it in its turn is subject to the interests of production taken as a whole, which the State must direct outside and above the corporations concerned, according to the domestic and foreign markets."

All this, of course, postulates a strong and wise Government arising in some way from "the condition into which we have now fallen." But the authority of Marshal Petain is a precarious one. Even in the occupied zone hopes are now being placed elsewhere, and La France au Travail (Paris) finds it necessary to threaten those who refuse to believe that all is lost.



Firemen fighting fires off Chancery Lane, one of the centres of the legal profession, during a recent raid.

ANOTHER GOEBBELS' BLUNDER

Yet another German propaganda-blunder was revealed in London yesterday.

In a recent communique, the Nazis claimed that during a raid on Britain a gas-holder exploded.

Unfortunately for the Nazis, the type of gas-holder used in Britain does not explode. The worst that could happen is for the escaping gas to ignite, but the flames would not spread and local residents need have no fears.

On the other hand, many of the German gas-holders are of the waterless type in which pressure is maintained by a piston inside the holder.

Damage to the casing or piston of a German gas-holder might lead to air mixing with the gas, with the possibility of a real disaster.—Reuter.

GREECE'S 1941 RESOLUTION

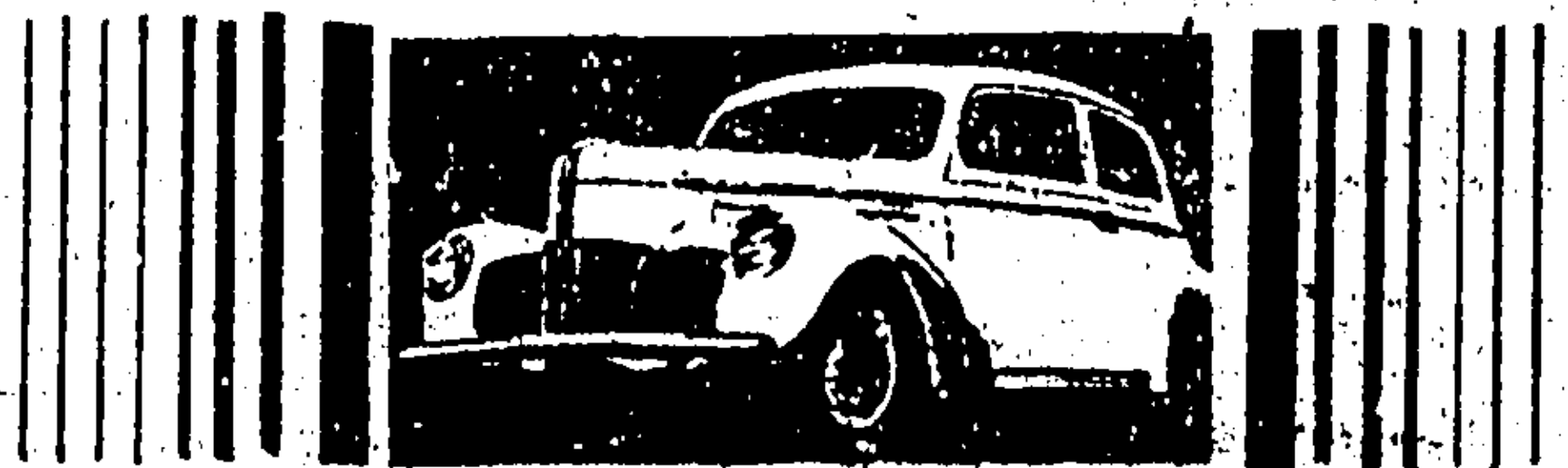
"WE BEGIN 1941 WITH THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH UNTIL THE ENEMY HAS BEEN EXTERMINATED," DECLARED GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE GREEK PEOPLE.

General Metaxas added: "We begin 1941 in the knowledge that our struggle will be long and hard and that we shall suffer, but we are determined we will endure all in order to bring our struggle to a conclusion worthy of our Greece." — Reuter.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Reaching A Slam

By The Four Aces

"In a duplicate foursome," writes Mrs. W. R. M., of Washington, D. C., "this hand created quite a bit of discussion:

West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
Replay Duplicate

♠ A K 6 5 3
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 5 4
♣ —

♠ A K Q 8
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 6 3 2
♣ 3

♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 4
♣ 10 8 6 2

♠ J 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K 7

"On the first round, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

"On the second round, played several weeks later, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass		

"Six hearts was made in each case. Would you give us your opinion as to the best method of reaching the slam, which is so obviously in the hand?"

On the first round, North's double and jump to four hearts are beyond criticism. But after such powerful bidding by North, South should realise that if North wanted to be in a game without knowing about the Ace and King of clubs, there ought to be a play for slam. A bid of five clubs by South would surely lead to a slam contract. North might bid six hearts at once, or might bid five spades; in either case, six hearts would be the final contract.

On the second round, North should have doubled instead of just overcalling with the bid of two hearts. But when South (properly) went to four hearts, the extra values in the North hand should have prompted that player to try for a slam. A bid of four spades by North would have produced five clubs by South; and then North could bid six hearts with reasonable assurance that there would be a play for the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 9 8
♣ Q 10 6

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The hand is not quite strong enough to bid the diamonds before showing the spade support. The simple raise is the clearest bid available.

Score 100% for two spades, 60% for two diamonds, 30% for one no-trump.

Question No. 604

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Burnstone
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer

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Would you risk that for a mere £130?—Certainly not. Thirty-three-year-old Lieutenant Ensor, now on the extra regimentally employed list, attached Holding Battalion, Grenadier Guards, said that when he signed certain cheques he had no idea they would be dishonoured.

He pleaded not guilty to twenty-six charges alleging cheque offences involving £135, denied absconding himself without leave, and denied charges concerning his revolver and ammunition.

Not Guilty

Ensor was found not guilty of absconding himself without leave, not guilty of the thirteen cheque charges alleging "scandalous conduct unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman."

He was also found not guilty of the two charges relating to his ammunition and revolver.

The finding of the Court on the alternative thirteen cheque charges alleging conduct to the

prejudice of good order and military discipline will be promulgated.

He said a friend named Preston, who was in the Coldstream Guards, had agreed to guarantee his banking account, but he was killed in action in May.

Promise Denied

Replying to Captain Nield, Ensor said he did not promise Mrs. Allen £20. (Mrs. Allen said on that the officer promised her £20 when he went to her Clarges Street flat, that he gave her a cheque for £10 which was dishonoured, and that he left a watch as security for the other £10.)

He gave her £10. When he left her flat he did not say he would be back in twenty minutes. The watch was given to him by his wife last Christmas and he valued it extremely.

He left the watch at Mrs. Allen's flat by mistake and not as security.

The money with which the cheques were eventually met came from his mother. His wife had all his money.

When fifty incendiary bombs fell on a Midland farm, the owner and his wife extinguished the fires with sand, carted the remains of the bombs to a market town and auctioned them for the local Spitfire Fund.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



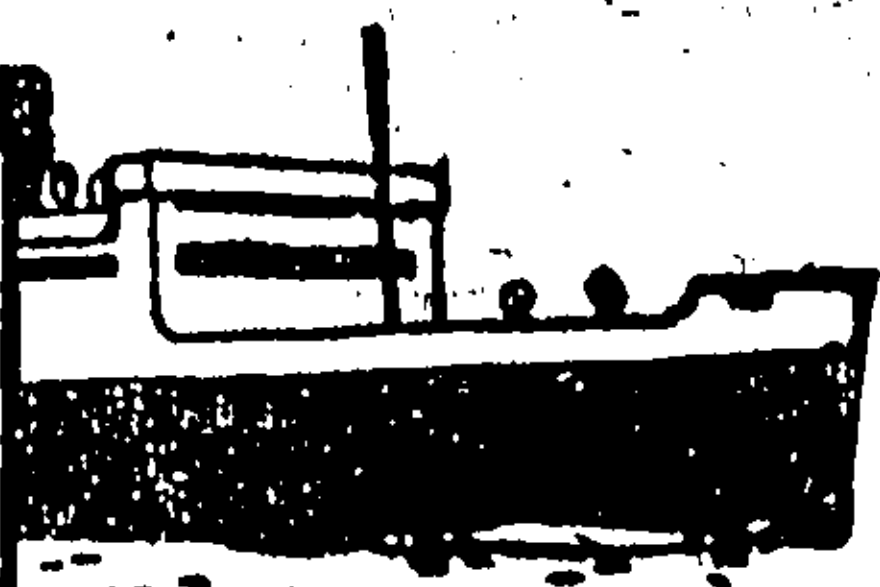
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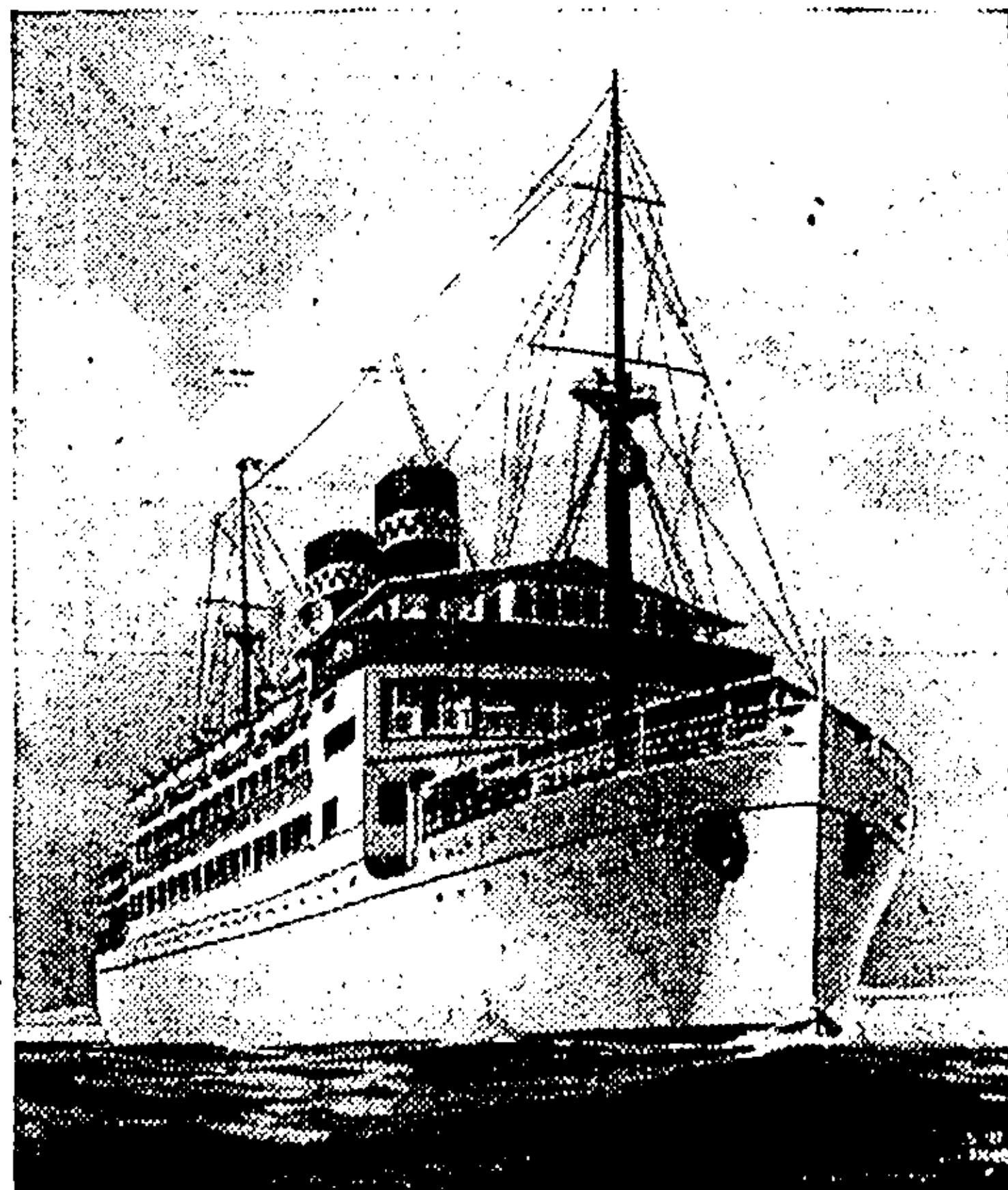
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1.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra and Gitta Alpar (Soprano).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Rossini—La Boutique Fantasque.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—A Programme by Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and Sam Browne (Vocal).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Orchestra Napolitain and Deanna Durbin (Vocal).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Theatre Land.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFeree"

War Charities benefitted to the extent of another \$2,000 as the result of the Charity Football Game on New Year's day at Sookunpoo when Combined Chinese beat "Rest of Colony" by 4 goals to 1 after being in arrears at the interval.

Robinson played a grand game for "Rest" in goal and in the first half brought off several good saves. He was more often in action than his opposite number Cheong Wing-choy, who was badly at fault with the shot from Fox that beat him.

Since there will be no Interport with Shanghai this year, Hong Kong Football Association have lost no time in arranging the programme for Chinese New Year on the dates reserved for the Interport series.

The Semi-Finals of the Lal Wah Competition will now be played on January 27, (Chinese New Year Day) and the draw will be made at the meeting of the Council of the Association on Thursday.

Advantage has also been taken to play-off one of the Kowloon Cup games on the following day and in order not to congest the fixtures any further, Army and Navy are prepared to play their game on Wednesday, January 22.

A request for a charity game between Shanghai Chinese and Southern Chinese on January 28, in aid of the funds of the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association has not been granted.

Wednesday's Charity game will be the last additional Charity game for a long time and it will now be possible to get on with League and Shield fixtures so that the season will be completed by early April.

Volunteer camps, which are again starting shortly, will unfortunately upset arrangements and the sooner the League games are played off the better.

Sing Tao are contemplating a visit to Manila early in March and in order to have no games during that period are prepared to have their games brought forward, if possible. On Sunday January 26 they meet Police at Boundary Street. Police will meet South China on the previous day in their postponed game from December 22.

E. Strange, the club all-rounder, will be badly missed by his club for the rest of the season as he leaves on holiday next week.

King Ka-pui signed for South China at the beginning of the season and then transferred to Kwong Wah. He is now on Sing Tao's register.

N. Delgado, who has not played soccer for a season has been practising hard recently and will be competing in the League. He has not decided whether he will join St. Joseph's or International.

Great annoyance was caused to two clubs last week by the chosen players failing to notify their clubs, that they were not available. Kowloon and St. Joseph's both fielded depleted teams through this, last week.

O'Regan and Roughly will be playing at back against Sing Tao on Saturday for Navy and with Robinson, in goal, the Chinese will have to work hard to keep in running for the Championship.

BOXING BEAUTICIAN

Jimmy Perrin, featherweight contender, owns a New Orleans beauty shop and works at the trade when he isn't in training.

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OFFICIAL LEAGUE TABLES

As Royal Army Service Corps have withdrawn from the Third Division of the Hong Kong Football League all points for matches already played are expunged from the Table.

Following are the league standings to December 31 supplied by Football Association.

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
Eastern	14	10	3	1	44	21	23		
S. China	13	10	2	1	40	13	22		
Sing Tao	13	10	2	1	36	16	22		
Middlesex	13	6	2	5	30	30	14		
Kowloon	11	4	3	4	16	20	11		
Navy	12	2	5	5	33	34	9		
R. Scots	12	3	2	7	20	23	8		
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7		
H.K. Club	11	3	1	7	21	38	7		
St. Joseph's	13	2	3	8	16	31	7		
Kwong Wah	13	1	4	8	23	40	6		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
Engineers	14	12	2	0	71	14	26		
S. China	14	9	4	1	61	9	22		
Middlesex	15	9	3	3	49	21	21		
R.A.S.C.	13	9	1	3	66	24	19		
Sing Tao	14	8	3	3	40	20	19		
R. Scots	15	8	1	6	37	26	17		
Navy	14	8	1	5	41	31	17		
Kit Chee	16	6	2	8	32	51	14		
Kwong Wah	15	5	3	7	24	39	13		
30th R.A.	15	4	4	7	32	47	12		
R.A.O.C.	13	3	2	8	20	38	8		
Police	15	3	1	11	23	57	7		
Club	13	1	1	11	14	71	3		
Kowloon	14	0	2	12	15	77	2		

THIRD DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
R.A.F.	12	9	2	1	32	15	20		
Signa's	14	8	4	2	28	16	20		
36th R.A.	14	8	2	4	47	20	18		
12th R.A.	14	6	5	3	29	21	17		
24th R.A.	13	6	3	4	31	16	15		
R.A.M.C.	14	6	2	6	26	41	14		
7th R.A.	14	5	3	6	28	28	13		
Engineers	13	6	1	6	38	24	13		
International	12	5	2	5	27	23	12		
20th R.A.	13	5	2	6	26	31	12		
35th R.A.	10	4	2	4	21	20	10		
Shell	13	1	2	10	10	41	4		
A.S.A.	12	0	0	12	4	51	0		

R.E. FOSTER PASSES

R. E. Foster, one of the famous band of cricketers who used to play for Worcestershire, died early in December, it is announced.

Foster captained the English team against the Australians in Australia during the 1903-4 season.

TENNIS FOR PEACE

The U.S.L.T.A. is planning a tennis tour of South America this winter as its contribution to Pan-American solidarity.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning:-

SUNDAY		Old Course	
9.10 a.m.	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.	10.56	D. S. Evans, H. C. D. Knight.
9.20	A. J. Dennis, S. L. Lloyd.	11.00	D. MacAllister, J. A. Ritchie.
9.24	R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.	11.04	H. N. Williamson and partner.
9.28	T. J. Price, G. E. R. Divett.	11.08	J. A. Parrish, G. M. Park.
9.32	H. H. Mundy, T. Low.	11.12	A. Mabb, R. L. S. Webb.
9.36	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.	11.16	B. D. Evans, G. E. Costello.
9.40	J. E. Potter, W. A. MacKinlay.	11.20	Capt. Barclay, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Page.
9.44	E. G. Price, P. V. McLane.	11.24	Major White, Lt. Col. Macpherson.
9.48	F. N. Merritt, A. C. Meredith.	11.28	Major Burn, D. Pinkerton.
9.52	D. Loneraine, L. M. S. Lloyd.	9.24 a.m.	I. H. Gearo, K. S. Morrison.
9.56	D. J. Valentine, A. V. Greaves.	9.32	A. Sommerfeld, F. D. Hunter.
10.00	J. E. Jensen, J. J. van Muhlén.	9.40	Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
10.04	A. H. McBride, L. Jackson.	9.44	Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Mackinlay.
10.08	J. Linaker, E. D. Matthews.	9.48	T. Megarry, W. W. C. Sheehan.
10.12	R. G. Parker, J. C. C. Matthews.	9.56	K. A. Munro, R. H. Chalmers.
10.16	T. G. C. Knight, Capt. Thursby.	10.04	Ma-or Temple, Major Penfold.
10.20	W. Stoker, D. L. Prophet.	10.08	F. A. Howard, A. W. Bourne.
10.24	J. C. Taylor, R. D. Gillespie.	10.16	A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young.
10.28	A. D. Humphreys, F. A. Redmond.	10.20	G. R. Horridge, J. Hackney.
10.32	N. D. Lloyd, R. H. Gregory.	10.24	Chartered Bank v H.K. Bank (G. M. Young Cup).
10.36	S. T. Butlin, W. L. Alexander.	10.28	Chartered Bank v H.K. Bank (G. M. Young Cup).
10.40	J. M. and J. D. Thomson.	10.32	Chartered Bank v H.K. Bank (G. M. Young Cup).
10.44	G. W. Reeve, A. Nicol.	10.36	Mrs. Park, Mrs. Fleming.
10.48	A. M. Kennedy, G. G. Alkenhead.	10.40	F. A. M. Elliott, R. C. Stewart.
10.52	C. W. E. Bishop, D. S. Edwards.	10.56	Lt. Cdr. Tollemache, Dr. Parkinson.

Local Lad Looking For Fresh Fields To Conquer

By "Adrem"

AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS THE NAME OF "YOUNG" AROMIN HAS APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS IN CONNECTION WITH BOXING. USUALLY THIS KEEN YOUNGSTER HAS BEEN THROWING CHALLENGES WHICH THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN UP.

CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH

Arising out of discussion as to the merits and demerits of the Kowloon Cricket Club senior cricket eleven, has come a challenge from Hong Kong Cricket Club for a two-day game over the Chinese New Year holidays, which, it is understood, has been accepted. It is presumed that Club will call on their service and Civil Service members in which case a really excellent game should result.

BOXING TITLE

Jim Brady, Dundee boxer, won the British Empire Bantamweight Boxing championship on Wednesday, out-pointing Kild Tanner, triple champion of British Guiana, in what was probably the first open-air contest to be held in Britain at this time of the year. —Reuter.

I know for a fact that Aromin, unable to get matches in Hong Kong, has gone further afield and letters have been addressed to promoters in Manila and other parts of the Far East.

Now there are some prospects of him achieving his ambition of raising himself to the status of a professional boxer of the very highest rank.

Agreement Signed

An agreement was recently signed between Aromin and Mr. M. Stanley, a manager who is likely to see that his charge does get places. Mr. Stanley is the man who gave another local man, Battling Rio, to Far Eastern boxing. Rio was taken to Singapore and is now the holder of at least three titles, including the welterweight championship of the Orient.

Mr. Stanley has some excellent connections in Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and if Aromin goes down there he is assured of some good fights if he can make the grade.

Aromin is well-known as a keen lad who is always willing to don the gloves even when conceding a good deal of weight but his manager is anxious to match him in Hong Kong before going south. Difficulty is the lack of suitable opponents. A challenge was recently thrown out to Len Collins, the only suitable man in Hong Kong. Aromin and Collins, some months ago, were seen in action at Victoria Recreation Club, when Aromin gave a very promising display against the Britisher over a lively six-round bout. Since then Collins has been to Manila under the auspices of Jes Cortes, the well-known promoter, and scored at least one win.

Interesting Bout ?

With Aromin and Collins in full training a bout between the two men would, I am certain, attract a lot of attention and would do much to stimulate local interest in boxing, never at a lower state in the history of the Colony.

Mr. Stanley told me yesterday that although he knows that Collins in the Colony he has been unable to trace him and, if interested, the latter is asked to communicate with him as soon as possible with a view to arranging terms.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

The programme for Hong Kong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 1941, which will be held at Happy Valley on February 15, 17, 18, 19 and 22, contains eleven races for an entirely new class of pony, the Australian Griffins. The Hong Kong Derby will be run on the second day and the Ruddy Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup on the third day. The Australian Champions and Hong Kong Champions will take place on the fourth day, while the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription ponies Championships will be held on the last day.

COOMBES AGAIN AT STAND-OFF

Following will represent Army against Club to-morrow in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture on the Club ground at 4 p.m.:-

L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); L/Sgt. Richards (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.); Capt. Douglass (R. Scots); Pte. McDonald (R.A.M.C.); Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Ford (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.); 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.); 2/Lt. Miller (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots); Capt. Duke (R. Scots); Cpl. Gillam (Mx. Reg.).

Reserves:- L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry, 2/Lt. Eddon (R.A.); Capt. Barclay, (R.A.M.C.); L/Sgt. Marsh (R.A.).

CLUB STRENGTHEN THEIR PACK

Following is Club's team: Thompson; Bosanquet; Carruthers; Aitkenhead and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Walkden; Gairdner, Needham; Thomas, Taylor and Kennedy.

Heasman is out, due to a split lip sustained against Police last Saturday, and his place in the front row has been taken by Walkden, whose place in the back row is being filled by Thomas, who deserves his promotion. Gairdner is back in the second row and, with the exception of Heasman, Club will have their strongest pack on view.

Aitkenhead and Carruthers are again available, and they are playing in the centre, with Charter at fly-half.

J. S. Riddell will be in control of the game.

TIE IN GOLF COMPETITION

The first competition held by the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, for the Bomber Fund, for a prize presented anonymously, resulted as follows:

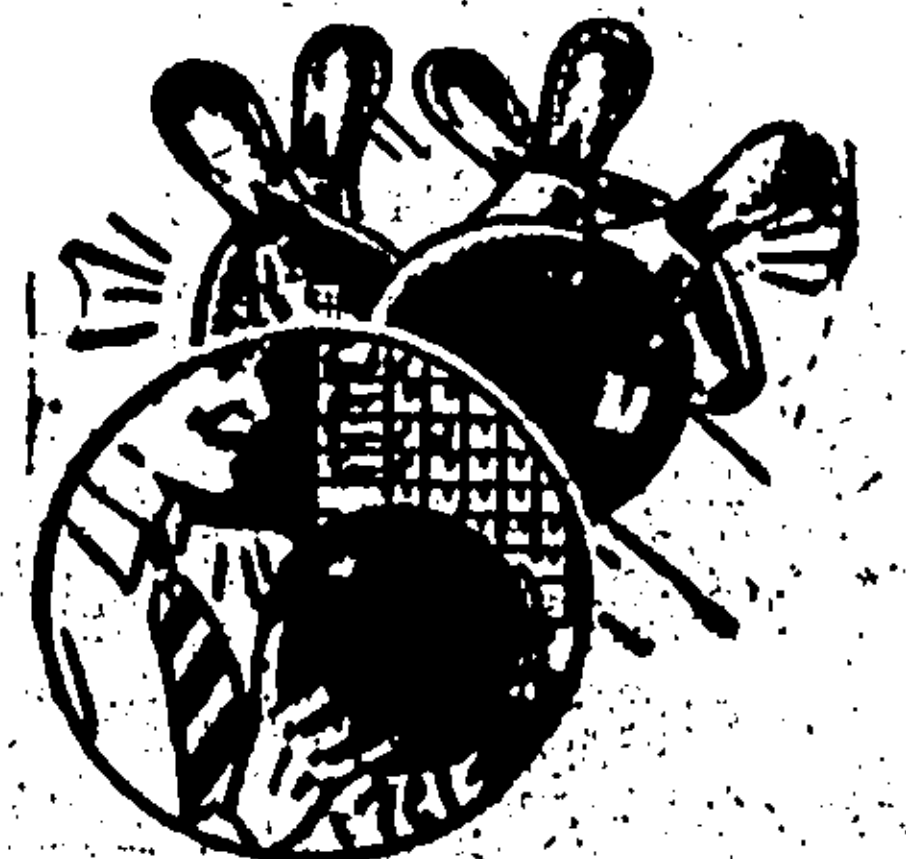
G. M. Park (7)-3 up; G. Thompson (20)-3 up.

The tie will be played off later. The former played on the old course and the latter on the new course.

Other scores were:- Old Course: W. S. Hillier (10) and L. R. Andrewes (5), 2 up; Major W. G. Hamey (10), S. L. Lloyd (10), J. Harrop (16)-one up; and New Course scores all square.

New Course: F. N. Merrick (10), Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (16), T. Megarry (9)-2 up; Capt. A. C. Drew Wilkison (15), S. L. Lloyd (10), G. W. Tate (22), J. H. B. Lee (11) one up; and New Course scores all square.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ROYAL SCOTS AND THEIR SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Fine Boxing Record Of Pte. Scott

Analysis Of The Cricket Eleven

By "Squaddy"

IN the Garrison Billiards League 40th (F) Coy. Engineers defeated Royal Corps Signals by 5 points to 2 on Tuesday evening.

Billiards

The Engineers scored 881 and Signals 781. Sgt. Brackenbury made the biggest break of the evening with a nine 29, and L/Cpl. Pitcher made a break of 24 for the Signals. Engineers had three players all making breaks of twenty or over, with L/Cpl. Thompson making breaks of 22, and 24, L/Sgt. Sheldrake a 22, and Spr. Ratchiff a 21.

SIGNALS	ENGINEERS
Sgt. Brackenbury 118	L Cpl. Thompson 150
Cpl. Bount 79	L Sgt. Sheldrake 150
L Cpl. Pitcher 150	Spr. Ratchiff 125
L Cpl. Murphy 127	Spr. Crutenden 150
Sgt. Liley 137	Spr. Monaghan 150
Sgt. Allen 150	S Sgt. Colne 146
Total 881	Total 881

AT Sookunpoo, on New Year's Eve 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 12th Hvy Regt., R.A. by eight points to nil.

Rugby

5th A.A. played a better combining game than their opponents and well deserved their victory.

Signals and Royal Army Service Corps drew, each side scoring three points.

Signals should have secured both points, but could not get the ball away from the scrum-downs which cost them the match. Service Corps were the first to score, but failed to keep the lead owing to bad passing by the forwards.

The first half of the League is still undecided with the Royal Scots having six points and the Middlesex Regt. five. This will be decided when Royal Scots and Middlesex meet some time in the next two weeks. Engineers won their half of the League and will meet either Scots or Middies in the Final game to be played at Sookunpoo.

THE boxing season is nearly upon us and boxers are getting fit for the forthcoming competitions which will take place within the next two months. The Novices

Boxing

Boxing competition will be the first competition to be held and is due to take place on February 12 at Nanking Barracks.

Pte. Scott of "C" Company, Royal Scots, is expected to win in his weight in the Area Individual Opens. He has an excellent Boxing record which dates back to 1935.

Year	Weight	Result
1935	1st Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1936	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1937	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder
1939	2nd Battalion—Feather Weight	Belt Holder
1940	2nd Battalion—Bantam Weight	Belt Holder

At Moghulpura, India in 1937 Pte. Scott met the All-India Champion and after putting up an excellent show was just out-pointed.

AFTER a lapse of several years Royal Scots Cricket Team has once again come into being, and on the whole they have done well.

Cricket

In some of their earlier matches the batting was bad and disastrous collapses took place against R.A. and R.E.s, but during the last two or three weeks they have improved with 157 runs against Police, and 173 for 7 against Club. Their best performance of the season was undoubtedly a second wicket stand of 96 by Cpl. Alsey and Pte. Bateman which won the match against the Club. Bateman's 70 not out included one six and 11 fours.

The most successful bowler so far has been 2/Lieut. B. A. Fergus who has taken 21 wickets, Emmerson being second with 11 wickets.

Their bowling and fielding has always been good and steady, and there is a large reserve of bowlers who can be relied upon, although unfortunately they cannot all be given a chance to bowl in every match.

While on the subject of bowling, special mention is made of some very fine fielding by Bateman, whom several bowlers have to thank for his assistance in taking wickets. He has made 7 catches in Battalion matches so far.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Inns.	N.O.	R.	H.S.	Avg.
Pte. Bateman	7	1	116	70	19.67
Cpl. Alsey	5	1	76	33	19.00
2/Lieut. Fergus	8	1	125	47	17.85
Capt. Patterson	7	2	70	27	14.00
Capt. Duke	4	0	53	48	13.25
Major Godley	6	0	60	19	10.00

BOWLING AVERAGES

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
2 Lieut. Fergus	43.5	6	149	21	7.10
Pte. Emmerson	22.1	2	104	11	9.45
Cpl. Alsey	22.2	2	74	7	10.57
Capt. Duke	9	0	49	4	12.29
Pte. Bateman	23	3	80	6	13.33

OWING to the fine efforts of Q.M.S.I. Pacey, Sgt. Whippet and assistants at the Mount Austin Gymnasium Royal Scots have been able to revive this sport in the battalion.

Bayonet

Fencing

The competition was fought outside the Gymnasium on the Peak, with "B" Company being deserving winners, beating H.Q. (2) by a margin of seven fights in the Final.

The best fights of the competition were those between P.S.M. Smith and R.S.M. Goodfellow, and Capt. Harland and Pte. Fowler.

Although P.S.M. Smith has done a lot of this sport and is considered to be one of the best exponents of this art, he was almost always beaten by the speed of R.S.M. Goodfellow's riposte and his superior footwork.

Capt. Harland's fight which took place in the Final Round was well worth watching. His low, wide stance is disconcerting to any opponent, and his speed, riposte, feint and disengages was too much for Pte. Fowler on numerous occasions.

THIS year Royal Scots introduced a new sport into their midst,

by forming a Softball team, and seem to be holding their own against the more experienced teams in the Colony. They are now sixth in the Junior League together with Liga Portuguesa.

Following are the members of this sport which is hoped to be a flourishing branch of the Battalion sports. L/Cpls. Lane, Phillips, Edge, and Sharrock, Bds. Dibbls, Emmerson, Cooper, Christie, Marshall, and Slaytor, Ptes. Manson Smith, and Cody.

AN AMERICAN WRITES ON THE GAME OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

WITH JERSEY, socks, boots, and short knickers their only accoutrements, Australia's footballers look rather undressed, compared with the helmeted armoured divisions of America's gridiron game, writes a correspondent in the "Christian Science Monitor."

For the principal code in four of the six States—a home-made mixture called Australian Rules—the field is comparatively an uncharted region. The only markings are a line around the boundary, and a small ring in the centre, where the umpire bounces the ball to start play.

It is a prairie of a field, 200 yards by 150 yards. On these broad acres, the backs might well be called outbacks, but, as each team has 18 players, most of the vast open spaces are trodden by human foot in the course of the four 25-minute quarters. One rule empowers the umpire, at the request of either team, to muster and count the players. In the bad old days, it was a necessary safeguard on such far-flung territory, but no such audit has been requested for many years.

No Offside

The game is played at a tearing speed. With no offside rule, or other impediment to forward kicking and passing, the ball is swiftly relayed from end to end. More than 40 goals were kicked by the teams in one Victorian League match this year.

More than 69,000 people paid approximately £5,000 (the equivalent of \$15,500) to see Melbourne beat Richmond in the final for the Victorian premiership. That was on a wet day. The record attendance is 96,834. The Melbourne ground, most capacious in Australia, can hold no more.

The wonder of the Victorian season was Jack Titus, pale-faced, slender Richmond forward, who topped the State goal list with 180. When Titus entered big football 14 years ago, people predicted that he would not withstand one season of the hurly-burly. Now 31, Titus has played in 242 matches for the Tigers—the last 152 without a miss—and has scored 793 goals.

Famous Kicker

The slickest, will-o'-the-wisp mover I have seen on any football field in England or Australia, George Moloney, scored 129 goals in helping Claremont win their third consecutive Western Australian premiership. His nickname is "Speck," but there are no flies on Moloney. With his back to the goal, and without looking around, this human corkscrew can punt-kick the ball over his shoulder and find the target as accurately as if he had a periscope to show him where the posts are. And he does it equally well with either foot.

On a squally day, P. T. Morton, captain of Sturt, kicked six goals to enable his team to beat South Australia for the premiership. Morton's goal-tally for the season, 101, was second in his State to K. Farmer's 123 for North Adelaide. B. H. Leak, Sturt centre, let nothing through.

The average age of Eastern Suburbs' team, runner-up in New

South Wales, was 20. They were beaten for the premiership by New South Wales, whose midge-rover F. Williams, 5ft 2in. and only 110 pounds, is the smallest player in first-grade Australian Rules.

16 Six-Footers

But the Goliath touch is essential, because Australian Rules set no limit to the vigor of bumping with shoulder and hip. Sixteen players between 6ft. and 6ft. 3in. were afield in the Victorian semifinal between Melbourne and Essendon.

When outside Jack Dyer, a policeman known as the "Big Bad Wolf" of the Victorian League, entered his team's dressing-room before the final, his teammates hooted him with mock malignity. They explained that it was to accustom Dyer to the sound-effects which opposing fans would provide when he bowled men over on the field.

Setting a cop to catch a cop, Melbourne's coach instructed Constable Jack O'Keefe that his part in the match was to shadow Dyer. This "shadowing" consisted not of keeping Dyer under secret observation but of meeting him shoulder to shoulder whenever the ball came near. The owners of both sets of shoulders showed ample give-and-take spirit.

Trophies Awarded

On the umpires' votes, trophies are awarded to the best and fairest Australian Rules footballer in each State. In Victoria, Herbert Matthews, dashing South Melbourne winger, tied with Des. Fothergill (Collingwood), aged 20, who has a managing director's head on office-boy's shoulders.

Another 20-year-old, C. Barnsley, Sydney half-back, gained the N.S.W. trophy, although his club did not win a match. Mel. Brodie (Glenelg), South Australia's best and fairest, is a seasoned warrior of 23, who entered first-grade football nine years ago. Another who started senior football when 16, Doug Pittard (Taringa), won the trophy in Queensland, where the Windsor team, led by C. Stream, flowed on to their fifth consecutive premiership.

A high-leaping ruck-man, E. O'Keefe (West Perth), topped the Western Australian poll. O'Keefe is so durable that he has not missed a match for five years. L. Bennett (Lonford) won the Tasman Shields trophy in the Island State, Tasmania, where stocky Jack Metterell's resourceful forward play assisted North Hobart to win their seventh title.

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PEGGY SCRIVEN MARRIED

Peggy Scriven, English Wightman Cup tennis player, and Frank Harvey Vivian, a Royal Air Force officer, were married recently.

H.K.C.C. XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against Craggower C.C. in a friendly match tomorrow on the Club ground:—

L. T. Ride (Capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

Most Spectacular Baseball Match

By WARREN BROWN.
(In the Cosmopolitan Magazine.)

In describing the most spectacular baseball game viewed by this particular pair of eyes, it might be well to begin with a sensational statement. Babe Ruth was not in it.

The game was the fifth of the 1920 World Series, played at Cleveland on October 10 and won by the Cleveland team, 8 to 1, from Brooklyn.

One-sided? Well, perhaps. But down through the years it lingers as the hell-roaringest ball game I've ever watched.

Brooklyn and Cleveland had won a pair of games each, as they came into this critical fifth engagement.

The Dodgers, led by that lovable character, the late Wilber (Uncle Robbie) Robinson, and the Indians, managed by one of the greatest outfielders of all time, the Gray Eagle, Tris Speaker, were prepared to fire the best they had into the battle.

As his convincer, Uncle Robbie chose Burleigh Grimes, who had topped the National League pitchers of the 1920 season. Not to be outdone, Speaker came back with Jim Bagby, American League pitcher leader, whose record of 31 victories seemed to fix his place in the hurling sun. This game well might be the turning point in the Series. Everyone sensed that.

Baseball fans have a fine sense of values and are generally prepared for anything, but the wildest dream of any one of the frenzied fans crowding into the Cleveland Park that October day could hardly have fitted him for what he was soon to witness.

Bagby disposed of the Dodgers in jig time in the first inning, and the home team came to bat, with the crowd, largely Cleveland partisans, whooping it up as Grimes began to pitch.

Jamieson, the Indians' lead-off man, slashed away at one of Grimes' tosses. The ball, sharply hit, was handled—no, it wasn't—by Konetchy, the lumbering first-baseman of the Dodgers.

A hit! One man on. Bill Wambaganss—Wamby for box-score brevity—swung and swung, and fouled and fouled. But finally he lashed one past Sheehan, a rookie filling in at third base for the Dodgers. Two hits! Two men on!

To the vocal uproar of the partisan crowd was added the noise of horns and rattles and cowbells. The Indians were coming! Grimes, the Dodger pitcher, Olson, the scrappy shortstop, and the youngster Sheehan met in mid-diamond for a conference. Obviously Speaker, the next hitter, was going to bunt to sacrifice the runners along. It was Grimes' idea to make Speaker bunt where the ball could be handled rapidly, not to first but to third, for the force-out.

Bases Loaded

The theory was grand, but the execution was a trifle faulty. Speaker bunted. Grimes rushed in and fielded the ball, but even as he did, his spiked shoes slipped and he sat down abruptly on the sod. From that ungraceful position the Dodger pitcher tried desperately to throw out the flying Speaker. Too late! The bases were filled! And a man named Smith was advancing to the plate.

Any kind of hit would score a run. A fair-sized single would score two. Even a long fly would bring in one run, putting the Indians out in front.

The man named Smith, a left-handed hitter, flashed a ball. Smith's bat met it with a round-house wallop. Up, up and out sailed the ball. Far beyond the view of all of the 26,884 present. Over the fence! A home run! With the bases filled!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in World Series history. Nothing like that was to happen again until 16 years later, when Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees hit a homer with all the sacks occupied in the 1936 World Series.

Wild seems a tame expression for the conduct of that crowd as one, two, three, four white-uniformed Indians trotted around the bases, and the score stood 4 to 0 in favour of Cleveland. But as an Al Jolson might well have predicted, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Elmer Smith's homer with the bases filled was a terrific blow to Grimes and the Dodgers. But they kept fighting back. In the fourth they were near normalcy and really looked as if they were go-

ing somewhere against Bagby. Then came the second shock.

Pitcher's Circuit Clout

In their half of the fourth, the Indians placed Johnston on third base, and the Dodgers decided in the interests of peace and quiet that it would be wise to walk O'Neill, the Cleveland catcher and a dangerous hitter, and pick on Bagby, who was reputed no Ty Cobb with the flail.

That, too, was a good idea for the moment. No longer!

All Bagby did was swing on the first pitch and deposit it out in the temporary bleachers which filled part of right-centrefield.

A home run! A home run with two on bases. A home run by a pitcher!

You might imagine that this was the final blow to the Brooklyn cause. It wasn't! In a sense, it was only a preliminary.

Up to the plate for their half of the fifth stormed the Dodgers. Kilduff, their second baseman, banged a single to left. Miller, their catcher, ditto. Two hits. Two men on. Now, we're getting somewhere!

The next batsman was Mitchell, the pitcher who had replaced Grimes shortly after Bagby's homer had convinced Uncle Robbie that this wasn't Burleigh's day. Unlike most pitchers, Mitchell was no sucker hitter, but in all his long career he hit no other

baseball with the devastating effect to his own side as this effort.

Triple Play Unassisted

He took a free swing at one of Bagby's choicest, and the ball shot out on a line between Wambaganss and second base. Wamby dashed over, stuck out his gloved hand and speared the ball in the air.

Kilduff, away with the crack of the bat, had no chance to get back to second. Wamby's rush carried him the few steps necessary to touch second. Two out! A double play! But the worst was yet to come.

The ponderous Miller, running toward second base with his head down and as if his life depended upon it, was unable to reverse himself, as a more agile man might have done. Wamby whirled, prepared to throw to first base, and changed his mind, thereby moving himself into Baseball's Hall of Fame. Instead of throwing the ball, he went forth as a one-man reception committee to meet the oncoming Miller, tagged him, and the "Triple play, Wamby, unassisted," went into the scorebooks!

Nothing like that had ever happened before in a World Series. Nothing like that has ever happened since.

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CANADIAN SPORTSMEN RESPOND TO CALL

CANADIAN SPORTSMEN, LIKE THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, HAVE RESPONDED GALLANTLY TO THE CALL TO THE COLOURS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA.

EMPIRE BOXING AFTER THE WAR

Taking what may seem an extremely long view, the National Sporting Club, looking to future boxing intends to hold a tournament for the British Empire boxing championships at the end of the war.

John Harding, the N.S.C. manager, stated that competitions would be held at all weights.

"A similar tournament was held at the end of the last war," he said, "and it proved a great success. It will be a golden opportunity for our overseas troops to take part. Many of them have already proved their boxing skill in minor competitions."—Reuter.

Perhaps two of the best known, now both serving overseas, are Ross "Sandy" Somerville, six times Canadian Amateur Golf Champion and winner of the American Amateur title in 1932, and Johnny Learing, the Olympic and Empire Games runner.

Another Olympic athlete is Cliff Bricker, and among the lawn tennis players is Willard "Bill" Crecer, many times Canadian singles champion.

Prominent Boxers

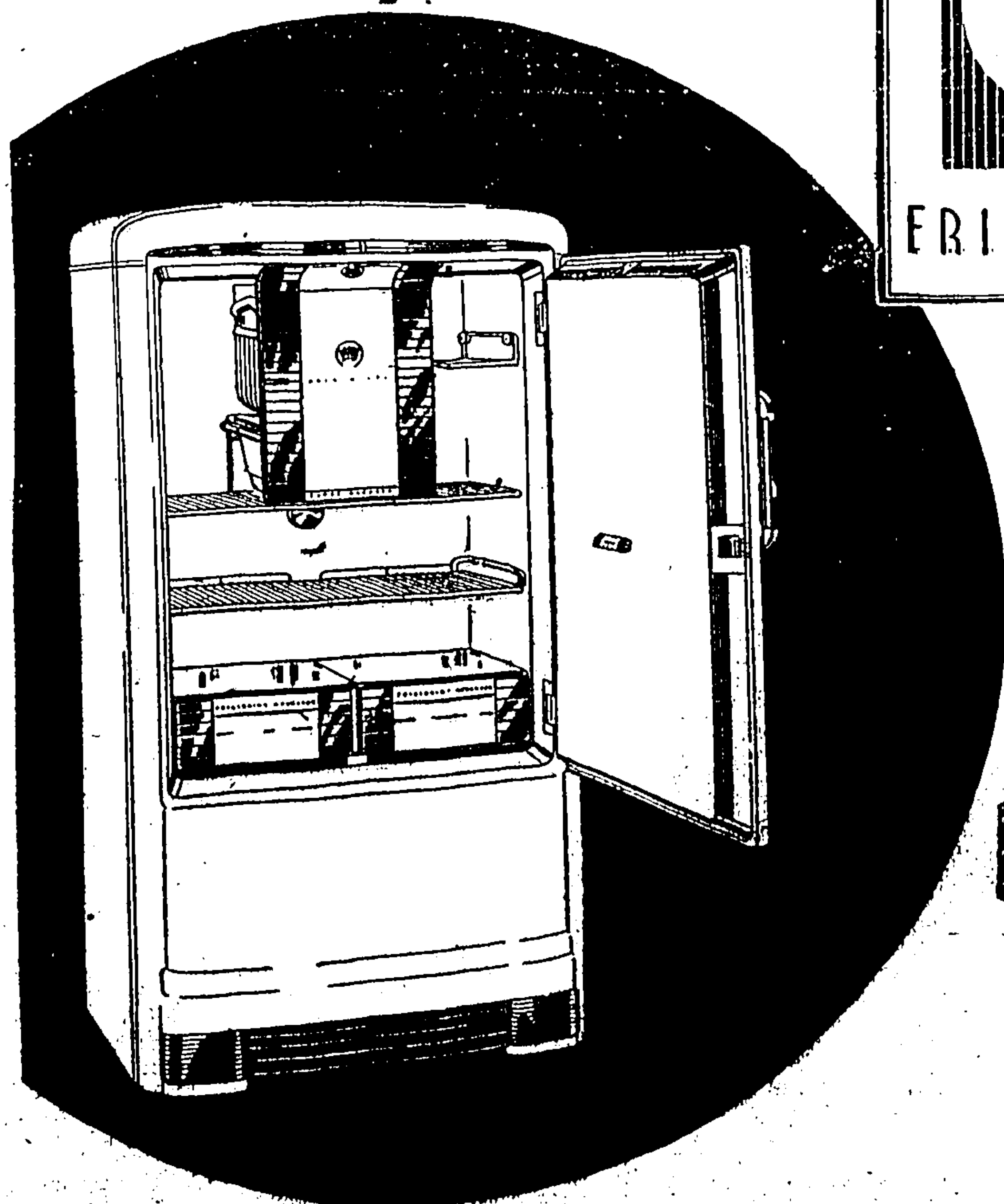
Among the more prominent boxers who have joined up are Orville Drouillard (Windsor, Ontario), Billy Townsend (Vancouver), Tommy Bland (Toronto) and Bobby Leitham (Montreal), all former professional champions at their respective weights.

Ross Galloway, a former amateur champion, is in the Royal Canadian Navy, and a boxer who was favourite a decade ago, Soldier Jones (Toronto), is in the Medical Corps.

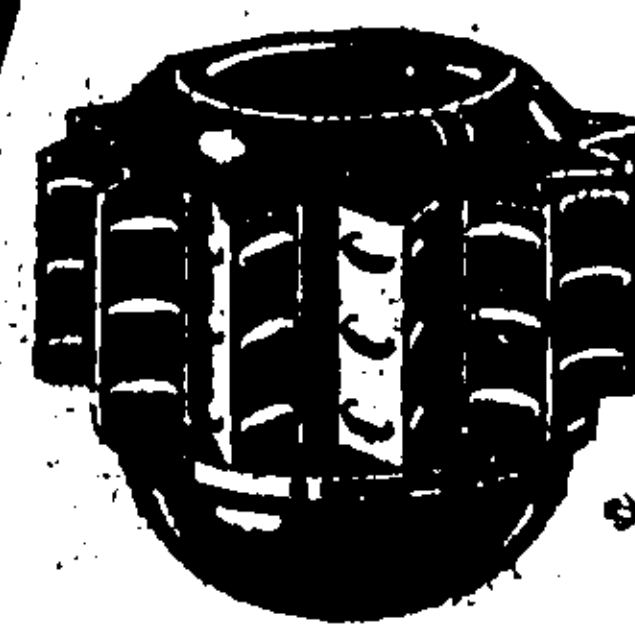
The first Canadian athlete reported to have given his life for his country is Flying-Officer Richard Ball, of Montreal, who was in the R.A.F.

He died in a German prison camp.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN HITS BACK HARD

Seaport At Bremen Turned Into Raging Furnace

Twenty Thousand Incendiary Bombs Dropped By R.A.F.

N.E.I. DEFENCE MEASURES

A message from Balikpapan published in the "Evening Standard" last night indicated that strategists believe that, in the event of a Japanese attack on the Netherlands East Indies, the first objective will not be Java but the oil wells at Balikpapan.

The Netherlands East Indies authorities are ceaselessly building defences, heavily mining the port and sending out gunboats, mine-layers and planes to patrol the Macassar Strait.

Scores of Japanese found poaching in forbidden waters have been arrested.

Recently a Japanese tanker with a crew of 500 cadets arrived at Balikpapan claiming to be on a training cruise. But none of the crew was allowed to land and the vessel was escorted back to sea.

TWENTY THOUSAND INCENDIARIES AND A LOAD OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES WERE DROPPED ON BREMEN DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIERCE BOMBING RAID BY THE R.A.F., WHICH TURNED THE GREATEST SEAPORT IN GERMANY AFTER HAMBURG INTO A RAGING FURNACE.

As a long procession of aircraft of the Bomber Command reached the Zuyder Zee, on their way to follow up the first attacks, they could see a red glow in the sky over Bremen, although still 120 miles from their target.

Smoke from fires reached as high as the clouds and mingled with them, and some pilots found targets they had been detailed to attack so thoroughly ablaze that rather than waste bombs on buildings already gutted, they sought other factories and dockyards in the city.

It was an intensely cold and clear night, says an Air Ministry news bulletin, and a young moon clearly lit up the targets, chief of which were the great shipbuilding yards in which warships of all kinds, and especially submarines, are under construction.

The Deutsche vacuum oil refineries, railway communications, warehouses, rice and starch mills, and the Focke-Wulf air frame factory.

To defend Bremen the Germans used all the ground defences they could muster and R.A.F. pilots reported formidable anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

Over Before Midnight

The raid began about an hour after nightfall and although overwhelming in effect was over before midnight.

Cloud and weather conditions on the way out were bad but over Bremen the cloud were driven so quickly by the wind that no target was hidden for long and for all practical purposes it was clear.

It was the rice and starch mills which some pilots found burning so fiercely throughout the whole structure that they judged it unnecessary to ravage what was already ruin.

Pilots who attacked these mills reported eight large fires broke out and eventually came together in one great conflagration which could still be seen when the crews had crossed the Dutch frontier on the way home.

Shipyards Ablaze

At several shipbuilding yards both docks and buildings were repeatedly hit by heavy high explosive bombs and when a thousand incendiaries fell on two of these yards nothing could be seen but a sheet of fire so brilliant and of such uniform intensity that bursts of high explosive bombs could not be distinguished amongst the flames.

The Atlas shipbuilding yards were also ablaze and a whole line of warehouses besides number two harbour was alight.

The Focke-Wulf airframe factory was on fire when one pilot arrived over it. His bombs splashed into the blaze and very soon afterwards there were six explosions which could not possibly be mistaken for actual bursts of bombs.

The Deutsche vacuum oil refinery was badly damaged and the railways of Bremen were hit again and again.

Factories beside one railway line were gutted and wreckage could be seen very plainly.

One or two enemy aircraft were seen wandering ineffectively over the town.—British Wireless.

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STOP PRESS

The correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" who has returned to Shanghai after a fortnight's visit in Tokyo claims to have learned from authoritative Tokyo sources that while effusively assuring the Japanese Ambassador, Tatemura, of the Soviet desire to improve Russo-Japanese relations, the Kremlin simultaneously offered terms shattering Japan's illusion of a quick and easy settlement of outstanding issues.

Responsible Japanese informed the correspondent that the basic Soviet terms are as follows: firstly, transfer to Soviet Russia of the fishing concession along the East Siberian coast held by Japan, and secondly, return to Soviet Russia of the oil concessions on Sakhalin Island.—Central News.

U.S. PASSPORT MEASURES PURELY ROUTINE

Reports reaching Hong Kong that all American passports are being cancelled, partly to prevent Americans from coming out to the Far East and partly as an anti-Fifth Column measure, were discounted by Mr. Addison E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General, in an interview with a "China Mail" representative to-day.

Mr. Southard pointed out that the report probably arose from the fact that American passports are being invalidated for travel in certain areas in the Far East. This is now a routine measure, to prevent American citizens—especially women and children and others with no special reasons for travelling—from proceeding to areas where they might get into trouble and require Government assistance.

Mr. Southard recalled that similar measures were adopted in the case of Spain during the civil war, when passports were marked "Not valid for Spain." In view of the uncertainty in the Far East, an uncertainty emphasised by the evacuation of American subjects, similar measures have been adopted.

So far as he was aware, however, passports are still valid for

travel to the Philippines.

No information has been received officially in Hong Kong that Washington is recalling all passports. Mr. Southard said, although unofficial reports have indicated that this might be done in the near future.

He emphasised, however, that this, too, would be a routine measure.

It is primarily intended to combat the work of counterfeiters. Every ten years or so, most Governments call in their old passports and issue a new type.

But people with passports do not have them "cancelled." They retain the full privileges of their passport, merely exchanging an old one for a newer.

Mr. Southard recalled that this had occurred two or three times during his career in the American consular service.

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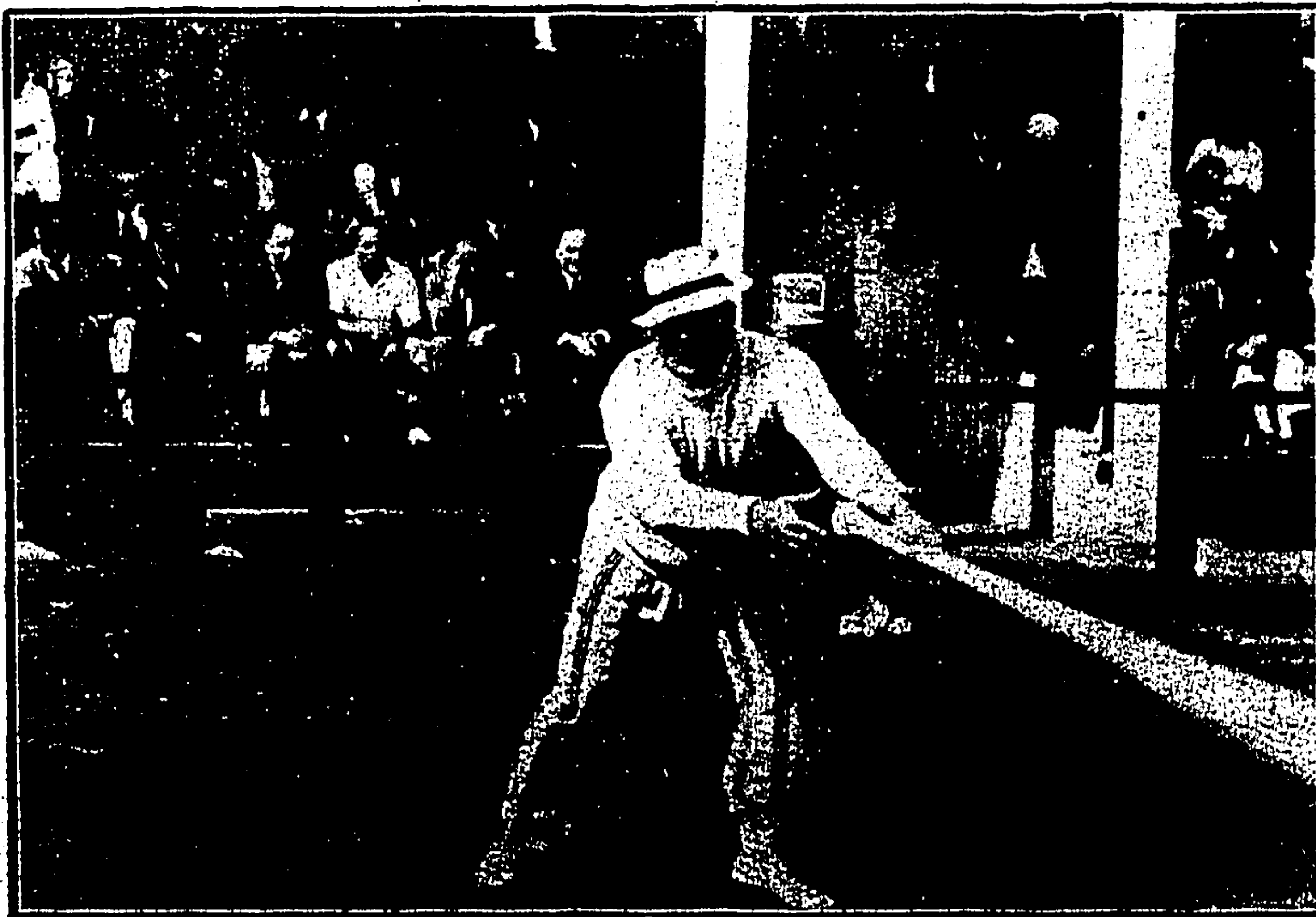
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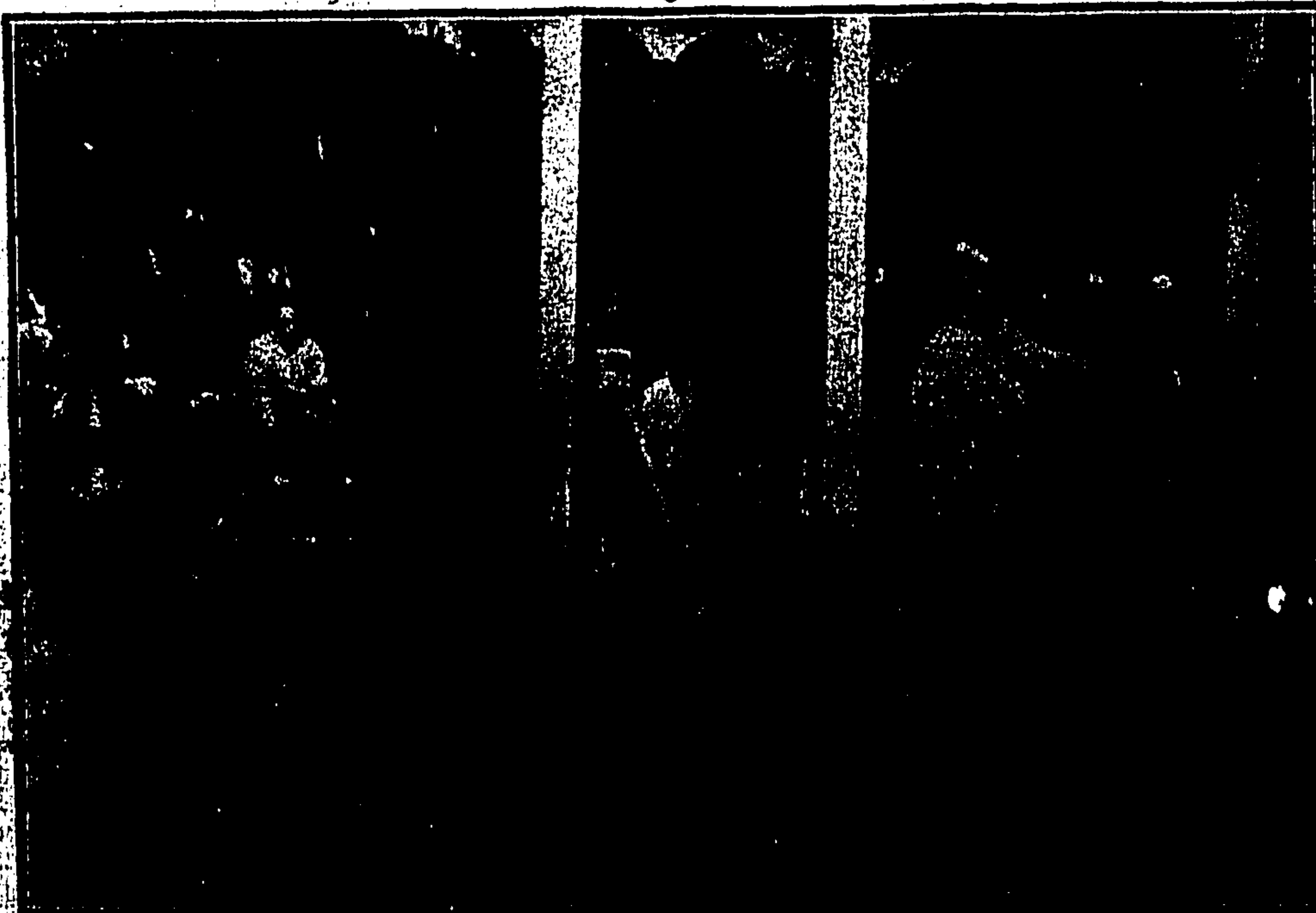
Kops In Holiday Mood



The "Kowloon Kops" and the women's team, who gave an amusing display of softball in the cause of charity at the Kowloon Football Ground on Boxing Day.



Penfold of the Kowloon Kops swings a big stick at the charity softball match against a women's team on December 26th.



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SHORT STORY

SLICK TIM

By ROLAND DANIEL

PERHAPS it was a coincidence that the charming little flat above the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank should be let on the same day as the rich American, Silas Meagan, rented the old Court House in the same Hampshire village.

The managers of the bank as a rule lived in the flat above, but it happened that the new manager was married to a woman of means who desired a house with a garden, so the flat became a let, and being above and belonging to the bank naturally only a person of the highest integrity and with the best of references was allowed to lease it.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were such people. They came from the Midlands. Davis purported to be a retired draper and produced references from two clergymen, as well as one lady of title, quite satisfactory from head office point of view. So the flat was let to them and about three days after they had moved in the new owner of the Old Court House strolled into the bank and stated he desired to open an account.

"Mr. Silas Meagan, that's the American who has just taken the Old Court House, isn't it?" said the manager to his clerk.

"Yes, sir," replied his subordinate.

"Must be a very wealthy man. I expect he just desires a small current account for running expenses. Well, it will be something to have his name on our books. Show him in."

"Mr. Humphreys will see you in his private office, Mr. Meagan," informed the clerk, and led the potential customer to the door of that sanctuary.

"Mr. Meagan?" said the manager.

"Sure, that's right—Silas Meagan, late of Denver City, U.S.A., come over the pond to settle down in the peaceful countryside of an English village."

"My name is Humphreys. I'm the manager here. Pleased to meet you, Mr. Meagan. My clerk informed me you wish to open an account with our bank?"

"That's about the size of it, Mr. Humphreys."

"I take it—er—just a small current account to meet running expenses?"

"Small? Say, hell! I don't know if you call thirty thousand pounds small, but from the size of this here joint and your one assistant outside, I wouldn't imagine you did."

"I have another clerk, Mr. Meagan. He, unfortunately, is away ill at the moment. Also we have some quite good names on our books. One or two of the best county people have an account here."

The manager felt he must endeavour to make a favourable impression. An account of £30,000 would be a feather in his cap at head office. The Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank dealt mostly with small farmers, the tradesmen of the village, and a few small county accounts, kept just for the convenience of these folk who might suddenly find themselves short of ready cash. Mr. Silas Meagan had sprung a surprise by the enormity of the amount he had mentioned. He was to spring another the next moment.

"Say, I've got the money all in notes outside in my car. If you are willing to take charge right now I'll fetch it in."

Mr. Humphreys beamed.

"I shall be only too delighted to take charge, Mr. Meagan. I will get your paying-in slip ready on your return." And as the American left his office, the manager rang his bell. "Parsons," to the clerk. "Mr. Meagan is opening an account for £30,000. He is paying the whole sum over to us now in cash. I shall require you to take it into Winchester this afternoon and hand it over to the branch there. I should not rest to-night knowing we had such a sum in our safe here."

There was no strong room at the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern; just a large safe. Rarely, if ever, had it been necessary for the Sowbury branch to have more than five or six hundred pounds to meet the immediate demands of its customers.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, do you keep this money in your vaults here?" asked Mr. Silas Meagan, after the amount had been paid over.

Mr. Humphreys explained there were no vaults at the Sowbury branch, and his intention of sending Mr. Meagan's £30,000 into

Winchester that afternoon, to be handed over to the care of their branch in that town.

"Of course you quite understand, Mr. Meagan, this is only a small place and it is rarely that any of my customers make demands for more than a hundred pounds at a time."

"Y u bet I get you. Say, I've only been in Sowbury about a week, but I guess it's a cock-eyed joint all right."

Mr. Humphreys was not quite sure he understood what a cock-eyed joint was, but he imagined it was not meant as a complimentary term to Sowbury.

"Now, Mr. Humphreys, should I at any time require to draw the whole of that sum out, you'll want notice, I guess?"

"A clear day would be sufficient, Mr. Meagan, but I trust we shall not be losing your custom."

"Never know," Mr. Silas Meagan rose to his feet. "Guess I'm what you call eccentric. Maybe one morning I'll get up and say to myself 'The U.S.A. is calling me.' Why, what do I do then? I'll tell the world I'm packed and on my way within forty-eight hours."

Mr. Humphreys trusted his new customer would not exercise his eccentric desire to return to the home of his fathers before Head Office had had time to realize the fact that given a chance, he was as capable of securing wealthy customers as any other manager. Mr. Humphreys desired an appointment to a town branch of the Northern and Southern. Mrs. Humphreys did not like country life, a fact which was the source of considerable contention between them.

The weeks passed and turned themselves into months, and four of these had sped before anything exciting had happened at Sowbury.

Mr. Humphreys had been congratulated on securing so wealthy a customer as Silas Meagan, especially as the American seemed content to allow his £30,000 to remain at the bank. Strangely enough, since the day of his first visit he had not set foot on the bank's premises. The Davises, who had the flat above, turned out to be a very quiet couple, keeping themselves to themselves, paying their bills regularly and causing no annoyance to anyone, just as it should be.

"I believe it won't be long now before I get my promotion to a town branch," said Mr. Humphreys to his wife one morning.

"I trust you're right," replied that lady. "This village life is about killing me."

Mr. Humphreys kissed his wife, assured her she would not be buried alive much longer, then departed for his office, to discover to his surprise Silas Meagan's car waiting outside those premises.

"Mr. Meagan is waiting to see you, sir," informed one of his two clerks.

"I saw his car outside," replied Mr. Humphreys. "Show him in here at once." "I trust he has come to make another large payment of cash," he thought to himself.

But Silas Meagan had come on a contrary errand, and he informed the manager of the Sowbury Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank of that fact in few words.

"Say, Mr. Humphreys, that call has come," he announced as he entered.

Mr. Humphreys, who had forgotten, said: "The call, Mr. Meagan?"

"The call to return to my native home," replied the American. "Say, don't you remember my telling you it might come one day? Well, it has come and I'm sailing for the U.S.A. to-morrow afternoon. I want my £30,000; I have my cheque already written out."

Mr. Humphreys felt a great disappointment at the loss of his customer; but, after all, the man could do as he liked, and if he felt he preferred to live in America, that was his affair.

"I have not such a sum on the premises," he said. "I shall have to send in to our head office at Winchester."

"Sure, I understand. You explained that when I opened my account. Guess I can have it by ten o'clock to-morrow morning; that will give me time to get to Southampton to catch my boat."

"I will send one of my clerks for the money this afternoon."

"Look here, Mr. Humphreys; I ain't what you'd call a sociable fellow, but as I'm leaving here to-morrow, perhaps you and Mrs. Humphreys will be so good as to dine with me this evening?"

Now Mr. Humphreys might have refused this invitation had it not been for the fact that he felt an evening out would possibly appease the temper of his lady when she heard his wealthy customer had decided to depart.

"Both Mrs. Humphreys and myself will be delighted to dine with you this evening," he replied, adding: "Perhaps you would like me to bring the money along with me?"

"No, no," came hastily from Mr. Meagan. "I have no safe up at the Old Court House, and it will be O.K. in your's for to-night. I will collect in the morning at 10 o'clock."

It was a very pleasant evening the Humphreys spent with Silas Meagan. He proved himself to be a most entertaining host.

"A pity we haven't had an invitation to go up there before," remarked Mrs. Humphreys on their way home.

Mr. Humphreys was the first at the bank the following morning. He had felt particularly pleased with himself on his walk from his house through the village, owing to the fact Mrs. Humphreys had been exceedingly delightful at breakfast. It was not until he had put the key in the lock and swung the bank door open that he had a feeling something was wrong. A sort of cold shiver ran down his spine.

He glanced round; everything seemed in perfect order. Taking the letters from the letter-box, he proceeded to his private office.

"Now, I wonder what gave me that absurd feeling?" he thought to himself. Then, as he opened the door of his sanctum he knew. The whole interior of the room was a chaotic mess. Plaster of Paris, lumps of wood littered his desk and the floor.

He looked upwards. Good heavens! the ceiling had fallen down—the ceiling which divided his office from the Davis' sitting-room. There was a great gaping hole. Now what on earth . . . ?

His heart gave a thump of apprehension. His eyes caught sight of the floor boards above. This had been no accident—those boards had been deliberately sawn through.

Not pausing for another second's investigation in his own office, he flew into the outer one and across to the corner where stood the safe. His worst fears were confirmed. The door of it stood wide open, twisted into a fantastical shape by the heat of the oxy-acetylene torches which had been applied.

The books were still in their places, but the £30,000 in cash belonging to Silas Meagan, and the odd monies they had taken the previous day, were gone.

He had already informed the village constable on the telephone and was speaking on that same instrument to their branch at Winchester when his clerk, Parsons, came in.

"Good heavens! sir, what has happened? You look as white as a sheet," exclaimed the clerk.

Mr. Humphreys explained what he had discovered on entering the bank.

"Have you been up to see if the Davises are in, sir?" enquired Parsons.

Mr. Humphreys shook his head.

"There hasn't been time. You had better go up, Parsons, though I fear the worst. It was from their sitting-room the entrance was gained. They must have been at work on the floor above for some time. Good God! Parsons, what will Head Office say?"

"They can't blame you, sir. The Davises had excellent references. By the way, you have not forgotten. Mr. Meagan will be here at ten o'clock for his money? He is sailing for America this afternoon."

"No Parsons, I have not forgotten. Our Winchester office is sending along another thirty thousand, also an inspector and detectives to investigate this matter will be accompanying whoever brings the money."

It was the same information Mr. Humphreys gave to Silas Meagan when he arrived at ten o'clock.

"Say, but this is a real bust up. Mr. Humphreys," commented the American, as he surveyed the debris in that man's office. "Guess those two people who took the flat above here were a pair of real clever rogues."

It was nearly half-past ten before the manager of the Winchester Branch of the Northern and Southern Bank, accompanied by an inspector and two plain-clothes

men, arrived at Sowbury by car.

"Mr. Norton, have you got that money? Mr. Silas Meagan is raising Cain. Says if he misses his boat to America he'll hold us responsible for any delay," was the greeting of the Sowbury branch manager to the Winchester one.

"Yes, I have the money here all in cash as directed. This is a terrible affair, Mr. Humphreys. However, we will discuss it after you have seen Mr. Meagan. By the way, where is he?"

"In his car outside."

"Then go and give him his thirty thousand pounds and when you come back we'll go into this matter of the robbery. I've brought with me an inspector and two plain-clothes detectives from Winchester."

Now it happened directly after Mr. Humphreys had handed to the American the £30,000 which closed his account at the Northern and Southern Bank, there walked out of the Red Lion Hotel, which was nearly opposite, a rather under-sized, insignificant, red-headed little man, who was about to step into a powerful-looking two-seater car, when with one foot on the running-board he hesitated.

"Gosh! Well, I'll be damned!" he muttered to himself. Then glancing across at the place from which the car had started, he took his foot off the running-board and hurried over the road. In the Northern and Southern Bank he was greeted by Parsons, the clerk.

"Who was that man who just left from outside here in a big Rolls-Royce car?" he asked.

Parsons looked at the questioner with some suspicion, then replied: "A Mr. Meagan, Mr. Silas Meagan, the American millionaire."

"American—hell!" muttered the little man, then as his eyes caught sight of the wrecked safe in the far corner "Had some trouble here?" he asked.

Parsons bridled. He looked as if he was going to be exceedingly rude. He had never seen the little man who was questioning him before and he did not particularly like the look of him. He opened his mouth to say something nasty, but was prevented from doing so by the entrance from the private office of his manager and the inspector of the Winchester police.

The inspector glanced quickly towards the little under-sized man and his eyes opened wide with a look of astonishment. He stepped forward, exclaiming as he did so: "Well, of all the last persons in this world I expected to see, you are one of them."

The two men shook hands. The inspector turned to the manager of the bank.

"Mr. Humphreys, this is Chief Detective Inspector Walk from Scotland Yard," he said, then to the little man: "Well, what on earth are you doing in Hampshire?"

"I'm on my way to Plymouth to make some investigations into a suspected case of murder," replied the little man. "I stopped to have a cup of tea at the 'Red Lion' over the road. As I came out of that hostelry I happened to see—but that doesn't matter for the moment. Tell me, are you having some trouble here?"

The inspector explained the situation as briefly as possible. Chief Detective Inspector Walk turned to the manager, and there was the slightest trace of a twinkle in his eye as he asked:

"And the fellow who banked that thirty thousand with you gave his name as Silas Meagan of America?" and as the manager nodded his head, "And those two persons who took the flat above, can you describe what they were like?"

The bewildered Mr. Humphreys gave quite a vivid description. Detective Inspector Walk grinned widely.

"Davis? Hell!" he muttered. "Joe Lee and his paramour, Flash Kate."

Mr. Humphreys gasped. He wasn't at all sure what the little red-headed man was talking about, but he was sure he didn't like the name Flash Kate. Walk turned to the inspector:

"And I take it the fellow who drove away from here just now in a Rolls-Royce was the man who has been calling himself Silas Meagan?"

The inspector looked towards the Bank Manager for confirmation—that man nodded his head.

"Ah!" muttered Walk. "Silas Meagan, eh? Well, let me tell you he's no American. His real name is Tim O'Brien—Slick Tim we call him. He is the brains partner of Joe Lee and Flash Kate. Hood-winked the lot of you down here, and has got away with a cool thirty thousand. Clever! You bet your sweet life Slick is clever."

Only this time I guess I'll get him. Mr. Humphreys, get your clerk to put a call through for me to Scotland Yard."

A puzzled expression came to the bank manager's face.

"But he isn't going to London," he said. "He is sailing for America."

A broad grin spread over Walk's face.

"That's what he told you, America? Why Slick wouldn't dare go to America, the police over there are simply itching to get their hands on him. No, Slick is making for London; we've got to get him before he can make his hide-out. Have you got that call through?" the last question to Parsons who came striding up.

"Yes, Inspector."

"Good. Might have come off if I hadn't stopped at the 'Red Lion' for that cup of tea," and Detective Inspector Walk made for the telephone.



"I'M FORGOTTEN! FORGOTTEN!"—cries from the "Maidenhead" group.

Would Commonwealth Cabinet Work?

SOMEONE started a clamour for an Imperial War Cabinet, and it has been taken up by many organs of the press both in Britain and in the overseas Empire.

On the surface, it is a project with much to recommend it. This is a war, not of Britain alone, aided by subordinate countries, but of a group of independent nations within the British Commonwealth, equal in status and therefore equally entitled to a voice in the higher conduct of the war. The Dominions, it is felt by many people in Britain, could bring a fresh outlook, new ideas, youthful energies to Whitehall. Moreover, the war is now being fought on terrain of vital geographical importance to the Dominions and India, in the Middle East and in Africa; and there are backdoors on the Pacific which are of equal moment to them. Surely then it is only right that they should have a full voice in the daily decisions on strategy and diplomacy which may determine their fate as nations.

So runs the argument, and very strong it seems. But its exponents usually forget two very importance lessons, both of which

might be drawn from the experience of the Imperial War Cabinet in 1917 and 1918.

The Problem Of Personnel

In the first place, it proved very difficult to bring that Imperial War Cabinet together and to

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maintain it in being with anything near to continuity. There were two sessions in 1917, and it did not meet again until after the Armistice.

The more important the Dominion statesman, the more he was needed in his own country. As a series of ad hoc Imperial Conferences, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a success. As a Cabinet, it must be counted a failure.

This question of personnel is vital. It explains much of the present coolness of Dominion Governments towards proposals to revive the Imperial War Cabinet. An outstanding Dominion Premier, like General Smuts, on whom a great burden of national government falls, cannot forsake for long his post in his own country. If a Minister other than the Premier represents a Dominion on the Imperial War Cabinet, one of two things is likely to happen; either he becomes more powerful than the Prime Minister in an extremely dangerous political situation—or he becomes little more than a permanent quasi-diplomatic representative in London, unable to speak authoritatively without instructions or reference back. It is small wonder that the Dominions have been well content to be represented, for day-to-day consultations in Whitehall, by their High Commissioners, trained and trusted quasi-diplomats. The daily meetings of the Dominion High Commissioners in London with the Secretary of State

for Dominion Affairs constitute, in effect, a shadow Imperial Conference in permanent session.

The Problem Of Responsibility

In the second place, the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917-18 was a failure as a Cabinet, because the essence of Cabinet Government is the collective responsibility of the Cabinet as a whole. In war-time, when all effort is bent on the single goal of winning the war, this almost inevitably means subordinating individual ministerial responsibility to loyalty to a powerful Prime Minister like Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the British Commonwealth of Nations of Statute-of-Westminster days, these conditions of Cabinet Government cannot be fulfilled. There can be no collective responsibility because there is no supreme Parliament to which the collective body could be responsible. There are five separate responsibilities to five separate and independent Parliaments. The personal domination of a single chairman, a kind of Prime Minister for the whole Empire, would be a denial of Dominion autonomy, not a tribute to it.

Those who demand an Imperial War Cabinet surely make the old mistake of trying to apply the methods of the last war to the winning of this one. On the contrary, the greatest merit of the British Commonwealth system is its flexibility, which enables it to be readily adapted to new circumstances. This war has already produced practical substitutes for the machinery of the Imperial War Cabinet. It has produced the Delhi Conference, the Dominions' Secretary's daily meetings with High Commissioners, the visits to London of Colonel Reitz and other Dominion Ministers a year ago, General Smuts' meeting with Mr. Eden in Khartoum, and many other piece of working machinery to meet known needs with commonsense solutions based on equality and adjustment.



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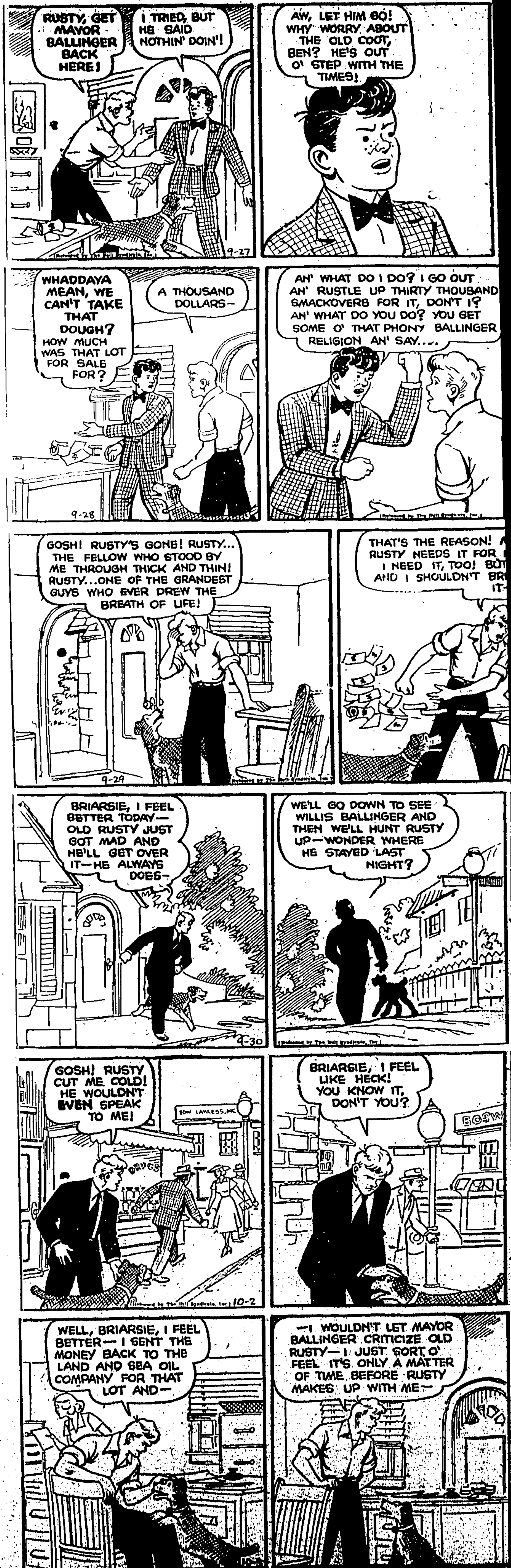
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Chest Firming Exercises

MOST figure flaws could be prevented if young girls would exercise regularly. During their formative years it is necessary to concentrate on excellent posture and to give muscles the workout they require to keep youthfully elastic. This is particularly true about the chest muscles. They should be exercised daily, if possible, so they will hold the bust high in normal, beautiful position, as it develops.

So much can be done to prevent a sagging, flat bustline during formative years and so little can be done to correct such a figure flaw once you mature.

As you know, a pleasing, feminine bustline is very dependent upon good posture, so from the moment you become figure conscious you should endeavour to stand erectly, walk with grace and sit and dance with attractive ease. Many schools teach this lesson and woe to the girl who does not benefit by it. When she reaches her figure maturity she will discover unlovely contours which will be difficult to correct.

If you are young, make it a practice to include two or three exercises in your daily routine which will beautify your bustline. The two following ones are offered through the courtesy of the famous New York Salon of



Dorothy Gray, where women go for figure remodeling and reconditioning. You will greatly benefit by these two exercises.

Figure 1

Stand erect, tummy tucked in, the hands in back against the but-

tocks, fingers intertwined, palms turned upwards. Then turn the palms downwards still keeping fingers intertwined (as illustrated) but allowing the thumbs to extend freely.

Stretch arms out straight, elbows rigid, and raise them slowly upward to shoulder level being careful to let your head move backwards (not out) as the arms are raised. Do not let the body bend forward because the stretch on the chest muscles will then be lost.

Lower the arms, release the hands to the sides, relax and repeat. There should be a strong pull in the chest and arms with a squeezing of the back muscles.

Figure 2

Stand erectly. Raise bent arms to shoulder level. Touch the fingers of one hand with the fingers of the other (as illustrated). Now slowly and steadily press the fingers together and then relax them. The pressure of one hand against the other should begin at the shoulder rather than in the fingers and the arms must be kept high as shoulder level. If done correctly you will feel a contraction of the pectoral muscles (those at the outer side of each bust, under the arm).

When this is done regularly it is most helpful in filling out neck hollows, and in developing a pretty, firm bustline.

Gifts All Men Cherish

You needn't go beyond the cosmetic counter for gifts for male relatives and friends. Displayed there are brushes, toiletries and gadgets which all men adore. And these gifts are usually missed by women who rush to a men's department for inspiration.

Brushes, my dears, are always sure bets for pleasing men. Clothes brushes, shaving brushes, hair brushes, nail and tooth brushes (in cases for travelling) and bath brushes. And if you allow time for a burned-in monogram your gift will be doubly cherished, for the ego of man is flattered by a monogram!

Aids in Leather

Another gift winner is a leather toiletries case either bare of fittings, or intelligently fitted. When buying one of these you should consider your man's habits. If he has a few favoured implements of grooming and scorns those which come in a fitted case by all means, buy him an oilskin-lined, leather case large enough to accommodate his favoured aids. But if he likes to have a "travelling set" of aids, you will be a wise lady if you buy a fitted case not too large or too weighed down with unnecessary toiletries and (this is important) with enough free space to throw in two or three indispensables! You will find several such cases this season which merit hurrahs for intelligent designing on the part of the firms which offer them.

I would include in suggestions a pocket comb and nail file in an English pigskin case, a new shaving brush in a self-draining holder (which adds to the life and service of the brush), a folding, compact manicure and pedicure set. Such a set includes sturdy scissors for toe nails, and nippers for cuticle—two aids all men find essential. It pays to get a good nail set for it receives hard usage throughout the years which requires well-made scissors, nippers and files.

Toiletries Always

Welcome

Combination sets of shaving and personal grooming aids are out in

all their splendour—and men like them. You must, of course, know if a man uses an electric shaver or a razor in order to select the most appropriate combination. From a consensus the favourite scents are pine, old English lavender or a woody fragrance. Any cosmetic which borders on a floral perfume is usually disliked, so do sniff before buying any soap, after shave lotion, or cologne.

Deodorants and colognes have become established aids to masculine grooming, so if a set includes one or both of these don't hesitate to purchase it. Once a man has either handy he will use it—and too many men neglect to take the precaution of using a deodorant before a dancing evening. Women don't expect them to take this precaution before a day of exercise, but we do want them to realise that it becomes a social requisite when we dance with them!

Protect Child's Teeth

PROPER diet is one of the best aids to good teeth. Right foods go a long way in preventing decay and intelligent mothers should learn which are the right foods.

Dr. Julian Boyd and his associate, the late Dr. Charles Drain, observed for many years that in children under strict dietary control in a children's hospital, dental caries (tooth decay) was arrested within a few months. Extension or initiation of tooth decay could be prevented, and active decay arrested, through the continued ingestion of good diets.

These research physicians recommended a diet consisting chiefly of dairy products, fresh vegetables and fruits, some certain source of Vitamin D, and but few highly refined foods, in order to insure dietary essentials.

For the average child of 5 to 10 years this list of foods was suggested: one quart of milk per day, at least one egg, one serving of meat, fish, chicken or liver; two fresh vegetables steamed cooked; one orange, apple or tomato; and one additional fruit; two tablespoons of butter; a diet which included these foods was

found to build up the general health of the children and to arrest the progress of tooth decay in from two to three months.

Even Teen Age Must Be Careful

Tooth decay is apt to increase during the teen ages and apparently the need for protective foods is greater during this period of rapid growth. Milk is the most economical and best food on which to base an adequate diet, as it contains an abundance of protective factors necessary for sound teeth and good health. Every girl and boy of teen age should drink, at least one quart of the best grade milk every day if not allergic to it. They should also eat many fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese, nuts, honey, meat, every other day, fish or fowl, intervening days. They should absolutely refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol, even though they do consider themselves "grown up." Good health in their mature years when good health is appreciated will be their reward for sensible living.

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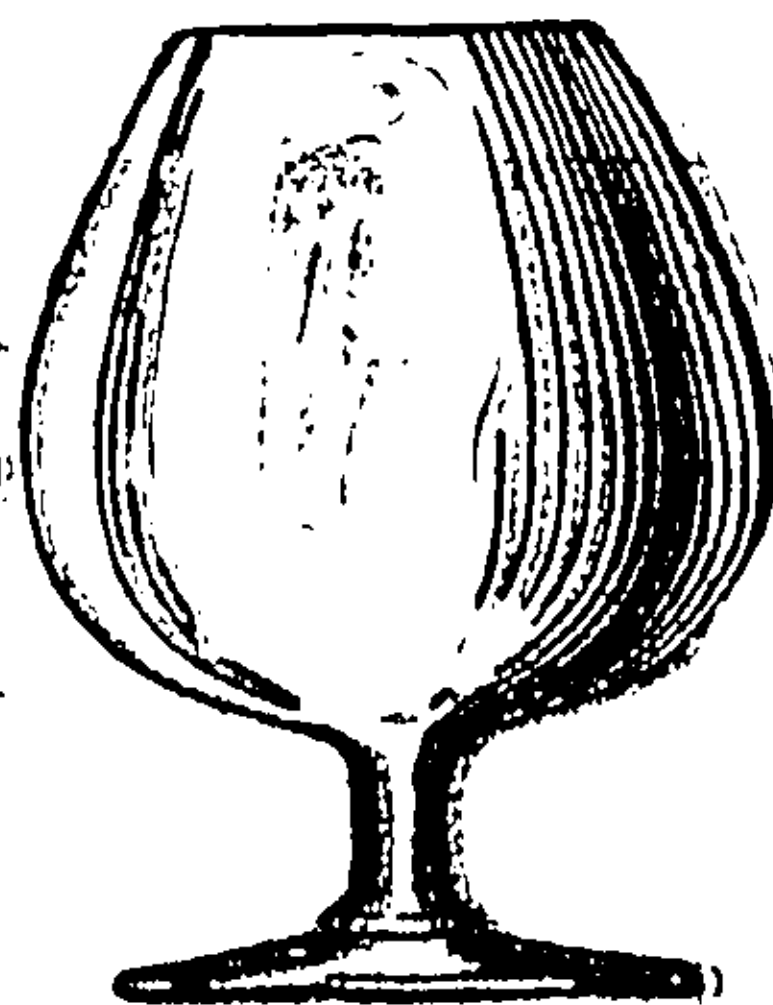
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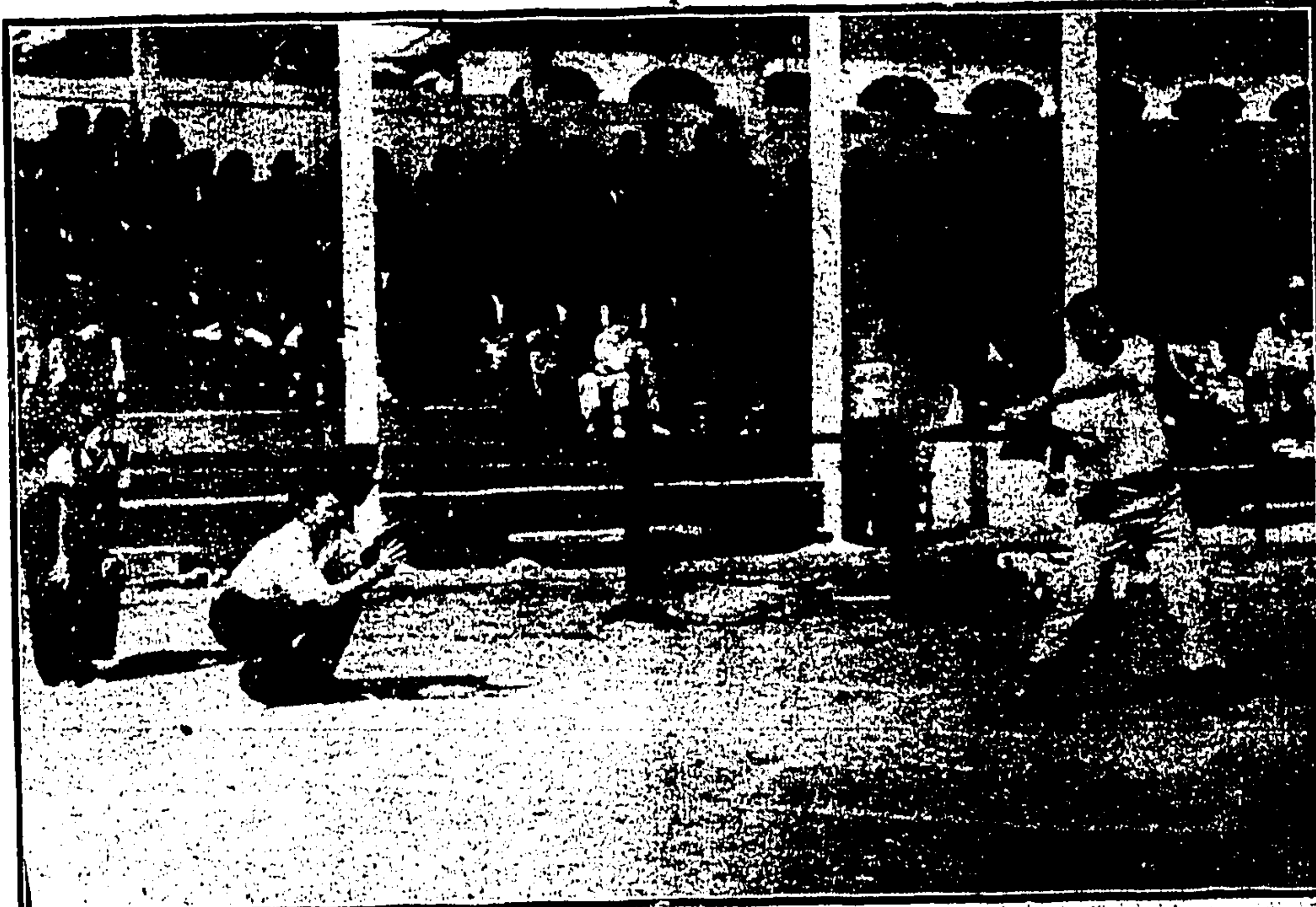
A tense moment during the Boxing Day charity match for the "Sunday Herald" Cup, in which England beat Portugal. Robinson, England's goalkeeper, on the ground, in a tight corner.



The winning 400-metres relay team from St. Francis School at the S.C.A.A. sports meet on Sunday.



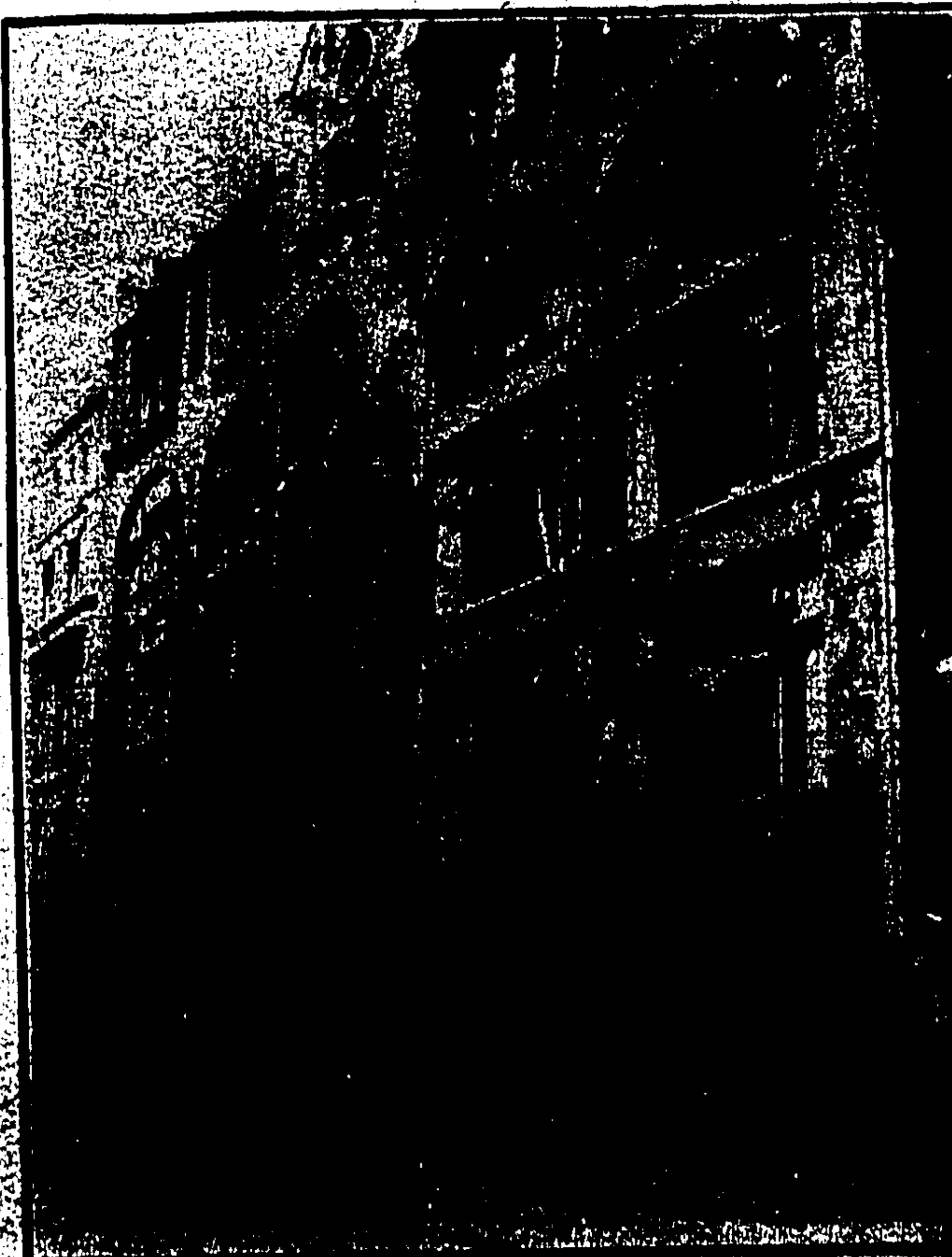
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